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CHUNGKING'S TRAGEDY

After The Deluge

Fears in Hong Kong last evening that Chungking was once again undergoing a Japanese air raid, were later set at rest when messages were received stating that although the warning siren was sounded, no Japanese planes appeared over the city.

First indication that the air raid warning had been sounded was contained in a brief Reuter message saying that a wireless message which was being received in Shanghai from Chungking at 1.10 p.m. stated: "Discontinued owing to air raid."

This seemed to indicate that the capital was again being bombed, but a later despatch stated that though Chinese pursuit planes in fighting formation took to the air when the alarm was sounded at noon, the raiders failed to appear and the all clear was sounded an hour later.

Streets Blocked

Meanwhile, the fires in various parts of the city caused by the attack on Chungking on Friday were finally extinguished early yesterday morning (says Reuter).

Some streets, however, remained blocked owing to fallen walls. Electric light, water and telephones services have been restored in some parts of Chungking.

The exact number of casualties caused by the Japanese raids has not yet been ascertained, as some huge areas devastated by fire have not yet been touched by rescue workers.

Many bodies are believed to be buried in the debris.

It is generally believed in Chungking, according to Reuter, the number of casualties on Thursday was the highest of the 23 months of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

One reliable source estimated for Reuter that the figure would be from 4,000 to 5,000 killed and wounded, many of whom were wounded.

In Darkness

When Reuter's correspondent toured Chungking on Friday night several fires were still burning, and except for these, Chungking remained in complete darkness.

The few people in the streets were chiefly those who fled during the raids on Wednesday and Thursday. They were returning to inspect their homes or to carry away a few essential belongings which they had been unable to take earlier.

Rescue workers are continuing in their task. Many members of the staffs of Government offices have organised units to help send refugees away.

The personal motorcars of the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek are being used for transportation of refugees, while their bodyguards are helping rescue workers.

Press Keeps Going

Nine local newspapers yesterday published a joint edition in one sheet.

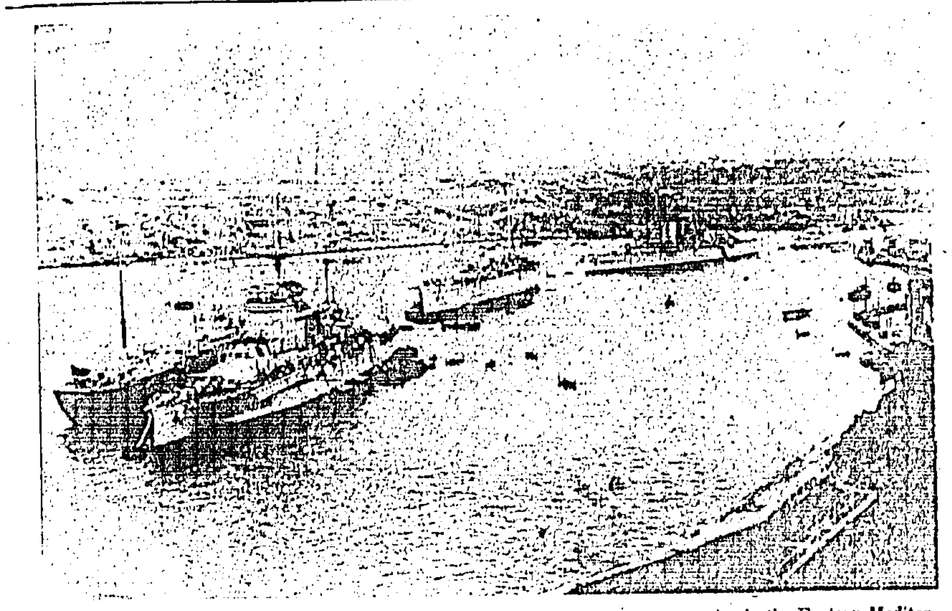
The leading article declared: "While this may be the saddest page in Chinese journalistic history, it shows the Chinese determination to carry on under any circumstances.

"Our reply to the enemy's barbarism is the strengthening of our organisation. Our unity and organisation will shatter the enemy's attempt to destroy us."

GERMAN MYSTERY MOVES

Military Measures In Slovakia::::Bombing Planes Mustered
Mediation By Mussolini?

ANOTHER PARTITION REPORTED UNDER DISCUSSION



Thirty-two warships of the British Mediterranean Fleet are now on a cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean. They comprise ships of the First Battle and First Cruiser Squadrons, First Tribal and Second and Third Destroyer Flotillas, and the Aircraft-carrier Glorious. Photo shows H.M.S. Warspite with the Oiler R.F.A. Brambleleaf alongside in Grand Harbour, Malta. Behind are moored the Woolwich, H.M.S. Shropshire and H.M.S. [illegible]vonshire, while H.M.S. Barham can be seen inside floating dock. With exception of the Brambleleaf, Woolwich, all these ships are taking part in the cruise.

PARIS, YESTERDAY.

ALTHOUGH AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS OF THE MUSTERING OF GERMAN BOMBING PLANES IN THE VICINITY OF THE POLISH FRONTIER HAVE EXCITED FRENCH OPINION, IT IS STILL HOPED THAT A FURTHER INCREASE IN TENSION MAY BE AVOIDED.

The French are inclined to place high hopes on the possible mediation of Italy, and the possibility that Mussolini, who does not relish a war over Poland, will prevail upon Herr Hitler to pursue more moderate tactics.

ATTENTION HAS, IN THE MEANTIME, BEEN DIRECTED SHARPLY TOWARDS SLOVAKIA, WHERE MILITARY MEASURES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, CLOSE TO THE INDUSTRIAL CENTRES OF POLAND. GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS ATTACHED TO THESE MEASURES FOR TWO REASONS.

One, the threat of invasion at Poland's most vulnerable point.

Two, reports are current to-day that the partition of Slovakia between Hungary and Germany will be discussed between the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano.

Latest information received here in regard to troop movements in Germany is that there has been an accumulation of planes and other war material near the Polish frontier.

It is stated that certain military precautions have been taken, but the concentrations of troops are not of such numbers as to suggest an imminent attack on Poland.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

London does not attempt to belittle the dangers of the situation around Danzig territory, says the "Daily Telegraph," but British circles note that the wisdom of precipitating a European war on this flimsy pretext is now the subject of discussion between Germany and Italy.

ITALIAN INFLUENCE

There is reason to believe that Italian influence is directed to persuading Hitler that negotiation would be more prudent.

While every precaution is being taken to meet all eventualities or sudden developments, the belief is current in well informed quarters, the correspondent adds, that a violent solution is unlikely to be sought immediately. — Reuter.

HITLER CAUTIOUS

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Wilhelmstrasse refuses at present to give the least hint of the attitude Germany will take regarding Colonel Beck's speech.

Not a line of the speech has appeared in the Nazi press.

The speech, and the Polish reply to the German memorandum denouncing the German-Polish Pact, are being minutely examined.

It is understood that Hitler would like some indication of British and American reaction before issuing any himself.

FOUR POINTS

Nazi political quarters take exception to four points in Col. Beck's speech.

Firstly, they stress the right of self-determination of Danzig.

Secondly, they reject "in the general European interest," Polish rights in Danzig, because the city is at the mouth of the Vistula.

Thirdly, they maintain that the German-Polish Pact contained freedom in joining "combinations inimical towards one of the partners."

Fourthly, they express surprise at Col. Beck's statement that the German proposals had not been transmitted to him in full.—Reuter.

OFFER REJECTED

Paris, Yesterday.

It is suggested here that some references in Col. Beck's speech relate to earlier German suggestions that Poland and Germany should march together against Russia.

Poland rejected these suggestions, fearing that such a war would end only by leaving her with diminished territory and surrounded by a formidable Germany. — Reuter.

Vatican Peace Bid

London, Yesterday.

Messages from Paris to-day assert that the Vatican is making a great effort to maintain peace in Europe.

One report states that the French Foreign Minister reported to the Council of Ministers to this effect and that yesterday M. Bonnet was visited by M. Valery, the Papal Nuncio in Paris.

This, together with the visit to Hitler by the Papal Nuncio to Berlin is taken as confirmation of these reports.

It is expected that the Pope's broadcast to the Eucharistic Congress at Algiers to-morrow will be along these lines. — Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The United States Navy Department has cancelled a cruise of midshipmen to Europe in three American battleships. No reason has been given.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S OFFER OF GUARANTEE TO RUSSIA

London, Yesterday.

Since M. Maxim Litvinoff, former Soviet Foreign Commissar, handed Moscow's proposals to the British Ambassador on April 16, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," little obvious progress has been made.

However, Britain has been consulting her allies and friends with a view to ensuring that the ultimate agreement shall provide the maximum resistance to aggression.

The British Government adheres to the view that its own system of defensive treaties should be limited to a belt of buffer States between Germany and Russia.

M. Litvinoff's proposal was that Britain, France and Russia enter a full military defensive alliance, supplemented by a Soviet guarantee of the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland, in return for an Anglo-French undertaking to join with the Soviet in assisting States west of Russia from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Britain is expected to renew her suggestion that Russia should pledge herself to give such assistance as may be required to States already enjoying the new British guarantees.

RUSSIA'S POSITION

Russia would obtain the maximum protection for her western frontier with the minimum warlike commitments.

The buffer States would be coupled with direct Anglo-French action, which would relieve pressure on their frontiers. — Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION OF CAPITAL IN AMERICA

Washington, Yesterday.

A BILL permitting the Government to conscript capital in the event of war, has been approved by the Senate military committee.

The Bill provides for the taking of a census of wealth, on the basis of which individuals would be required to make forced loans by subscription to 50-year Government bonds bearing interest at one per cent.

The amount of money to be subscribed would vary from five per cent. of net wealth for individuals with fortunes in excess of $100,000,000.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The German Ambassador to London and staff returned to the British capital to-day.—Reuter.

—AGREEMENT— REPORT PREMATURE

London, Yesterday.

Reports reaching London of the announcement of a security agreement between Britain and Turkey, are described in authoritative quarters in London as premature.

Conversations are still proceeding between the two Governments.—British Wireless.

KEEPING CHECK

London, Yesterday.

An ordinance has been passed in Gibraltar giving the Governor the right to demand production of all telegraphic messages to and from Gibraltar. Failure to give full details renders those in possession of telegraphic facilities liable to imprisonment or a fine.—Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN PRAGUE

London, Yesterday.

A bomb exploded in a house inhabited by Jews in the central part of Prague to-day. Two were injured. The bomb appeared to have been of the time-bomb variety.—Reuter.

Italy Urges Germany To Moderation

Rome, Yesterday.

The newspaper "Piccolo" declared to-day that Italy wants Germany, equally with Poland, to show moderation.

"The course of justice can only be obtained on condition of renunciation by all of the wish to establish hegemony.

"An agreement has already been half reached, as both sides have pronounced the word peace."

Reuter.

Rome, Yesterday.

The Italian press, reflecting the official attitude, takes a tone concerning Col. Beck's speech in marked contrast to the Nazi newspapers.

The view is held that the door for negotiations has been left open, and "Popolo di Roma" says that Col. Beck's statement that Germany "merely presented demands but made no proposals," is an invitation to Germany to submit proposals to Poland.

The paper believes that if Hitlerite circles [illegible] negotiations would follow which might well be satisfactory to all concerned.—Trans-Ocean.

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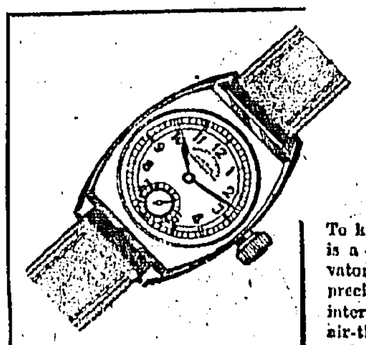

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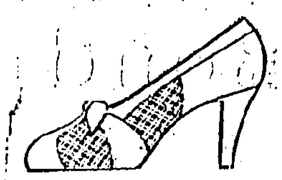

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CRINOLINES?— Or Semi-Nude Evening Frocks?

Daring Contrast In New Parisian Fashion Shows

OUR ARTIST, Petrov, interprets the dramatic contrast in the new evening frocks—a Charles the First crinoline with bertha of lace, and of net inset in the skirt to reveal the legs, and a South Seas Islander frock in vivid printed silk with brassiere top.

THE NEW daytime silhouette, its soft, rounded lines giving an impression of little-girl youthfulness.

Will women be overdressed or underdressed in their evening styles this year?

Extremes in evening fashions in the new spring collections provide this problem.

It is a battle of demure crinolines versus sophisticated partially nude styles.

Ballrooms and theatres will present a contrast of Victorian damsels and South Sea Island belles, as each fashion style extends its circle of supporters.

Islander evening frocks have brassiere tops, with bare patches revealing the ribs.

Some are completely bare between brassiere and waist. The full skirts are moulded to the waist in twisted, furrow-like folds. Some are patterned with outsize hibiscus flowers.

In contrast are the Charles the First crinolines, with lace herthas on tight bodices.

Chanel shows short slips revealing the legs under chiffon evening gowns.

Maggy Rouff's pink satin crinoline has a wide band of net inset in the skirt to show the legs.

Blouses and skirts are an evening innovation.

DAY SILHOUETTE

A gathered skirt of printed taffeta or crepe-de-chine on a trim waistband goes with a tucked blouse of sheer white linen, its demure neckline and sleeves gathered into the wrist reminiscent of a Victorian governess.

Or it may be a daring black blouse of sheerest net or chiffon over a minute white camisole.

Square lines are out for the daytime silhouette.

The new silhouette is softer. Youthful "little girl" lines are created with rounded shoulders, full bust, tight waist and medium full or very full skirt, giving a rounded hipline.

Peter Pan collars, trim belts, puff sleeves bonnets trimmed with ribbons and flowers, add to the little-girl atmosphere.

Suits are made with long jackets with slight fullness below the waist, and flared skirts.

Marcel Rochas does suits with a waistcoat of contrasting material as part of the jacket.

Belts are discarded on full-length coats and the waists are nipped in close to the figure. They have a slight fullness in front and are very full at the back.

Long, plain coats are lined with figured material to match frocks worn underneath them—a style that should be very wearable.

The prevailing colours emerging from the collections are navy, royal and pale blue, black, mauve, and petunia.

Flowered cottons for crinolines; embroidered muslin for little dance frocks; satin, jersey, taffetas—plain, plaid or flowered—provide a variety of materials for evening frocks.

EYEBROWS—Go Back To The Natural

EYEBROWS have reverted to the natural. Those abbreviated pencil lines are definitely out.

Even Hollywood now goes in for the heavier line, the "swallow's wing," instead of the faint suggestions.

The change is really a very fortunate one because most of us look a lot better with a brow that gives the eyes a setting.

Of course eyebrows vary. Nature starts you off with a brow that is more or less suited to your eyes.

But this does not mean that you can just relax and let your eyebrows grow like the weeds.

The best-behaved brows need a bit of tending.

The "swallow's wing" is so named because it is actually the shape of that bird's wing.

TAPERS GRADUALLY

It is a fairly sturdy brow with a slight curve which tapers gradually as it extends outward.

Whether you prefer this or your own style or modelling makes little difference, but you can't have bushes over your eyes, or, even worse, those straggling hairs, full length or starting, that are begging for a grooming.

The bushes give an unfortunate masculine look to the most flower-like face, and the stragglers just make you look ill-kempt and give your skin a dirty cast that all the washing in the world can't eradicate.

Nothing is more unromantic than a beautiful face when it breaks down above the eyes and goes astray with wandering brows.

After all, it's in the closeups that our husbands or boy-friends get their illusions or lose them.

The best way to handle the eyebrow problem is to pluck them or have them plucked.

Then you can take a look every few minutes and see how they are shaping up.

If you are planning to do the job yourself, here are a few points that may make the process a lot less painful.

This pruning really should be a daily thing. If you stick to it it won't hurt nearly so much and will only take a second.

It's the old story about nipping them in the bud.

First apply towels that have been dipped into hot water on the areas that you are going to pluck.

Get the surrounding skin warm, with the pores open. Then, after drying the skin, rub a little cream or vaseline into the brows to soften them.

Next brush your eyebrows forward, then back toward the temples, and brush them as nearly as you can into the shape you wish.

Now for the plucking. Always use a tweezer that you have had soaking in some disinfectant.

This is to prevent any slight infection, in case your hand slips.

Pluck the hairs one at a time, and don't get the idea that you can pull out lots of them and still look attractive.

Remember the aim is an eyebrow that looks natural.

An eyebrow pencil is a great help. Use it to extend the eyebrows at the outer edges or to definite eyebrows that are too indefinite.

Do pencil with discrimination. Don't plaster it on so that it looks obvious. Pencil can be used delicately so that it is hardly apparent, if at all.

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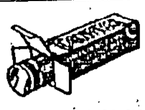

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BETWEEN US GIRLS

By Esther

Grapefruit Sherbet is one of those really grand ideas. We don't mind raving about it at all. Its flavour is tangy and exciting. Its smoothness is velvety and enchanting. Its ease of preparation is amazing, and its cost is practically nil.

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Grapefruit Sherbet

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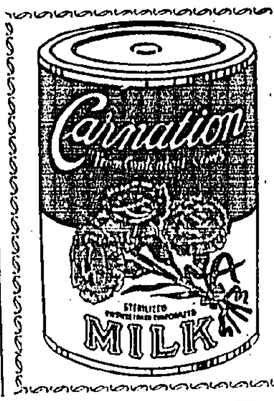
Note that Grapefruit Sherbet is a hand-turned frozen dessert. Which is to say that it has all the superior texture of that kind of ice cream. People with electric refrigerators need not be baffled for an instant. Use the cubes from the trays in the freezer, and then put the finished product in the trays to harden.



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Effect Of Roosevelt On British Foreign Policy

By The Rt. Hon. ANTHONY EDEN

IT has been said of President Roosevelt's message that it gained for the world a lull: but, in truth, it did much more than that, it brought the world back to fundamentals. By the remarkable frankness and candour of its language the nations were summoned to hope and think, before it is too late. Having described recent tendencies in world politics and the death of the independence of "three nations in Europe and one in Africa", the President drew the inevitable conclusion: "To speak clearly, the moment is approaching when this situation must end in a catastrophe unless a more rational method of managing events is found."

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HERE, then, is the issue, and there could be none more fundamental for the future of mankind. Whatever the immediate answer of the Governments of Berlin and Rome, and no one could expect them to be glowingly favourable, it is in any event so much gained that the alternative has been plainly put before them by the head of the most powerful State in the world. No amount of denunciation by Hitler and a government-controlled press can entirely conceal that fact from the German and Italian people. By this action President Roosevelt gained the initiative, and it was necessary for those not prepared to accept his proposls to explain their attitude, which explanation had to be addressed at least as much to their own people as to the outside world.

All sections of the British people were glad to note their Government's immediate welcome to President Roosevelt's proposals. The moment, therefore, is now appropriate for Great Britain to consider her policy and determine what her own contribution must be to assure that the "more rational method" upon which the maintenance of peace depends is, in fact, found and followed.

Despite unsettled affairs, the Premier still finds time to go for his morning walk in St. James's Park, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain. Picture was taken on April 21.

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THE first step towards any restoration of confidence in Europe is the creation of a peace front and its organisation in resistance to any further acts of aggression. It is upon this immensely formidable task that the British Government is now engaged, with the support of a united nation. A halt must be called to the process by which solemn assurances are given one day and flagrant aggression is practiced the next, to the accompaniment of pretexts, almost cynically inadequate. If it is to fulfil its purpose, a peace front must be strong enough to give a measure of confidence to the smaller nations of Europe who now live in daily dread of being called upon in their turn to stand and deliver. This is the indispensable first step, and it will not be successfully realised without an international effort of exceptional force and vigour. It would, however, be a mistake to suppose that the organisation of a peace front to resist further acts of aggression, vital as this is, constitutes the whole objective of British policy. It is, in fact, a means to an end, not an end in itself. The final objective must always be to restore confidence in international good faith and to substitute some form of international order for the present tendency towards international anarchy.

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IF we stand back for a moment from the contemplation of immediate anxieties, it is precisely this tendency that is the most disturbing factor in the international situation. The nations are everywhere on a war footing, and confidence in international engagements has not for many decades sunk so low.

Such has been the inevitable effect of recent acts of aggression callously perpetrated before the world.

It has driven Great Britain to undertake commitments of the most farreaching character in Eastern Europe and to assume the leadership in organising resistance to further acts of aggression.

That leadership cannot be allowed to fail. And we can note already that the task is being undertaken with the sympathy or active support of peace-loving nations everywhere. Alongside this endeavour President Roosevelt's initiative is parallel action of the utmost value. Its significance can indeed scarcely be exaggerated.

The President summoned the nations to conference, but he recalled that "it is customary and necessary for each party to leave his arms at the door of the conference hall." This exactly reflects the mood of the British people.

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IF we were to search for an example of the consequences to Europe of the rapid deterioration of international standards, we could find none more characteristic than the recently renewed anxiety as to the situation in the Balkans. In the years before 1914 the Balkans were a centre of continuous unrest, in the twenty years since the Armistice they have been among the more settled parts of the world.

What is the reason for this contrast? It can be simply stated. In the prewar years, the Balkan countries were the victims of the rival ambitions of the Great Powers; they were more sinned against than sinning. After the war, having taken this grim lesson to heart, these countries wisely embarked upon a policy of co-operation between themselves, to the exclusion of outside political influences.

In the pursuit of this policy they have shown true statesmanship. There could be no better example of what can be achieved by a tolerant and far-sighted management of affairs than in the marked improvement which has taken place in Greco-Turkish relations since the close of the disastrous war between those two countries. Indeed, throughout the period of its principal authority, the League of Nations was always able to call upon the ready co-operation of the representatives of the Balkan countries, who were among the first to recognise the vital significance to their own safety of the maintenance of a strong international order.

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IT is, therefore, all the more disturbing to note that once again the activity of certain great Powers has become a disruptive element in the Balkans.

The opportunities for mischief are, it must be admitted, considerable.

Against them can be set two formidable influences.

The first is the wisdom and caution of Balkan rulers and statesmen, the second the authority of Great Britain.

It so happens that British national interests and those of the Balkan countries correspond in every respect. It is a chief objective of British foreign policy in the Near East to see the States of the Balkan peninsular strong, united and at peace. It must, therefore, be the concern of British diplomacy to counter any action calculated to weaken them or to sow dissensions amongst them.

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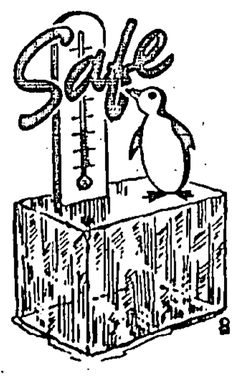

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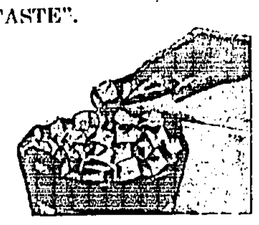

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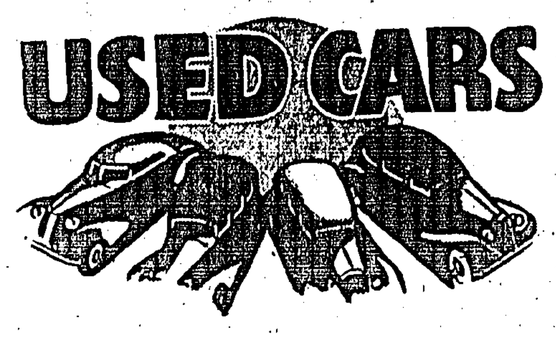

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BRITAIN A GRAVEYARD FOR RAIDERS

London, Yesterday.

Air Vice-Marshal Leigh-Mallory, in a speech last night said: "In view of the preparations we have made I can say it will be an unpleasant job raiding this country.

"Though the enemy may send over very large numbers of aircraft I believe that with the organisation we have, the enemy's effort would not last very long.

"It would be found to crack up under the efficiency of our defensive system, and especially considering the conditions under which the enemy would carry out their raids.

"We are definitely on the way to feel that to raid this country is not going to be worth while. I certainly should not care to fly as an enemy bomber over this country in the face of our present defensive organisation.—British Wireless.

Seeking Alliance With Lithuania

WARSAW, YESTERDAY.

THE POLISH DESIRE FOR AN ALLIANCE WITH LITHUANIA IS EXPRESSED IN TO-DAY'S ISSUE OF THE POLISH MILITARY JOURNAL.

Lithuania is urged to throw in her lot with Poland, attention being called to the fact that Lithuania's neighbours, Latvia and Estonia, both maintain cordial relations with Poland, and Poland could guarantee the security of these three States.

Time is flying, says the paper, and important decisions must be made regarding the defence of the honour and independence not only of Poland but also of her neighbours.—Trans-Ocean.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Gnow:" The attention of the police has already been called to this matter.

"Learner:" No fees of any kind are charged at A.R.P. courses. Some months ago, there may have been a question of a small fee for a Certificate, but no charge is now made.

"J.S.:" Sit tight and leave the next move to your landlord.

"ARPist:" We hate to destroy illusions, but we understand that the official estimate of the cost of driving a tunnel through the Peak to Aberdeen is roughly $52,000,000 and for a tunnel under the harbour, approximately $75,000,000.

ITALIAN AIR LOSSES IN SPAIN

Rome, Yesterday.

The Italian Chamber of Corporations and Fascii passed the Air Force Estimates on the first day of the discussions on the appropriations for the armed forces provided for in the Budget for 1939-40.

The amount allocated to the air force has not been published.

General Valle, Under-Secretary for Air, stated that aeroplane production in Italy was almost entirely dependent on foreign raw materials.

Italian production of synthetic petrol was now sufficient not only to cover current consumption but also for accumulation of reserves.

General Valle announced that 174 Italian pilots had been killed in Spain. — Trans-Ocean.

LARGE SUMS INVOLVED IN BARTER PLANS

London, Yesterday.

The "Financial News", discussing the Anglo-American commodity barter plan, says that commodity market circles believe the United States War Department requires war reserves of between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of rubber and from 50,000 to 75,000 tons of tin.

On this basis, the value of material involved would be between £25,000,000 and £40,000,000.

Production of a reserve of 300,000 tons of rubber would require an additional quota of 20 per cent. for one year.

For a tin reserve of 65,000 tons would need an extra quota of 30 per cent.

It appears that the bulk of the payment for rubber and tin would be made in cotton.

Lowest figure mentioned is 2,000,000 bales, which represents about two years British consumption of United States cotton.—Reuter.

GERMAN FLEET AT LISBON

Lisbon, Yesterday.

The German squadron under Admiral Boehm has arrived here for a five days' visit.—Trans-Ocean.

ROYAL FAMILY AT ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE. The King and Queen accompanied by the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose reviewed a Boy Scout's St. George's Day Parade in the grounds of Windsor Castle. Princess Margaret Rose makes an amusing study as she holds a private conversation with one of the Commissioners.

H.K. HOTEL ARTISTE RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

IT WAS AN EVENTFUL DAY YESTERDAY FOR YVONNE, THE POPULAR CROONER AT THE GRIPPS.

Yvonne was celebrating her birthday with friends when she was suddenly taken ill at 5 o'clock, and was rushed to the Canossa Hospital.

Here her illness was diagnosed as appendicitis, and an operation was hurriedly performed.

Yvonne, her many admirers will be pleased to hear, is out of danger and is doing well, though it will probably be some time before patrons of the Hong Kong Hotel will hear her voice again.

NEW NANCHANG FLARE-UP

Tungsiang, Yesterday.

Major-scale fighting has broken out once more on the immediate outskirts of Nanchang with the arrival of large Chinese reinforcements, says a military despatch.—Central News.

CHUANCHOW RAID

Chuanchow, Yesterday.

Chuanchow was twice bombed by a Japanese plane at 7 o'clock and 12 o'clock. About forty houses were razed.—Central News.

POTEMKIN LEAVES ANKARA

Ankara, Yesterday.

M. Potemkin, Soviet Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, who has been carrying on negotiations with the Turkish Government in connexion with the anti-aggression line-up, left for Russia to-day.—Reuter.

BROWNIES' REVELS COMPETITION

One hundred and ten Brownies from all parts of the Colony assembled at Sandilands Hut yesterday afternoon to compete for the Totem at the Annual Brownie Revels.

The Belilios Girls' School (5th Hong Kong) Pack won the Totem, with 74 points, closely followed by 1st Kowloon (British) Pack, with 71 points.

The Revels were patronised by Lady Pollock, who was welcomed by the Brownies surrounding her and singing the Brownie Song.

Main competitions were a drawing test, miming, general knowledge of Brownie work and organisation, and doll dressing.

Relay games, parcel games were indulged in by the Brownies during the afternoon, and at the conclusion of the programme, Mrs. Buckwell, Acting Commissioner of Brownies, thanked Lady Pollock for attending.

Lady Pollock presented the Totem to the winning Pack.

The Packs attending were:

1st Hong Kong Peak Pack (Mrs. H. C. Margaret),

2nd Hong Kong Garrison Pack (Mrs. S. Jarvis),

5th Hong Kong Belilios School Pack (Miss G. Chon),

6th Hong Kong French Convent Pack (Miss S. Mackicknn),

1st Kowloon Open British Pack (Miss Laihovetsky),

2nd Kowloon D. G. S. Pack (Miss Everest), and

4th Kowloon Maryknoll Pack (Miss C. Gehring).

The examiners were Mrs. F. E. E. Booker, Mrs. H. D. Sawyer, and Miss Audsley.

The results were:—

1, 5th Hong Kong Belilios Pack (74 points).

2, 1st Kowloon Open British Pack (71 points).

3, 2nd Kowloon D.G.S. Pack (65 points).

4, 2nd Hong Kong Garrison Pack (64 points).

5, 6th Hong Kong French Convent Pack (58½ points).

6, 4th Kowloon Maryknoll Pack (52 points).

7, 1st Hong Kong Peak Pack (50 points).

To counter attempts to label Japanese goods as having been produced in Hong Kong, by Chinese factories, the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Association have issued special identification labels.

THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA SAILS

London, Yesterday.

Large crowds, including many Americans, were already lining the route early this morning to join in London's "God speed" to the King and Queen when they left at midday from Buckingham Palace to Waterloo Station en route to Portsmouth, where they embarked on the "Empress of Australia" for their tour of Canada and the United States.

Despite a sharp nip in the air, spectators gathered opposite Buckingham Palace more than three hours before Their Majesties were due to leave.

Although both the little Princesses went to Portsmouth with their parents, it was within the Palace that the family goodbyes were said.

A sunny May morning broke for Their Majesties' last day in England for six weeks.

Buckingham Palace was early astir, and last moment preparations were completed and adieux paid.

STRIKING SCENE

Waterloo Station presented a striking scene of activity and colour from an early hour.

From the huge glass roof sheltering the platform hung Empire flags of all the Dominions and Colonies, mingling with the Stars and Stripes, which ran the length of the long carriageway leading to the Royal train.

Early comers seized points of vantage in the station. Special trains ran from Waterloo and intermediate stations carrying people intent on bidding the King and Queen farewell at Portsmouth docks.

TREMENDOUS OVATION

A huge crowd gave Their Majesties a tremendous ovation as they left Buckingham Palace at 12.18 in an open carriage drawn by four greys. The two Princesses sat opposite their parents.

The roar of cheering was quickly taken up along the whole length of the crowded Mall. The King, who was attired in naval uniform, saluted again and again in acknowledgment of the cheers.

The Queen was dressed in her favourite colour—pale blue—and her daughters were similarly attired.

The fine Spring sunshine shone down on a scene of happy splendour.

LIFE GUARDS

A Captain's Escort of Life Guards accompanied the Royal carriage, the sunshine glinting on their burnished breastplates and helmets.

The Palace detachment of the King's Guard in scarlet uniforms and bearskins presented arms as the carriage passed through the forecourt, and when it went through the wrought iron gates the Royal Standard, high above the Palace, was lowered, and will not be seen for many weeks.

Following the Royal carriage were other open carriages conveying the Royal suite.

AT WATERLOO

At Waterloo Station 15 minutes later the procession entered the beflagged station at a slow pace, giving the people who had waited hours a fine view of Their Majesties, who entrained for Portsmouth soon afterwards.

Office buildings along the route were full of spectators.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain and other members of the Cabinet were on the platform at Waterloo.

The King had an especially intent conversation with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and only boarded the train a few seconds before the time of scheduled departure.

TELEVISED

The proceedings were televised both at the Palace and Waterloo.

Televiewers saw Their Majesties kiss Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family goodbye, and then mingle with the crowd of distinguished personages in the florally decorated station, and saw the train finally steaming out amid deafening cheers.

The great popular acclaim was renewed when the Royal train arrived at Portsmouth at 2.10 p.m., and Their Majesties walked across the Square to receive the keys of the fortress of Portsmouth.

POMPEY BEFLAGGED

The streets of Portsmouth, like London, were brightly beflagged, and were packed with cheering crowds.

The young Princesses walked hand in hand behind their parents across the Square, where, with military accompaniments, the officer commanding presented the King with the keys of the fortress.

Afterwards, Their Majesties, with the Princesses, drove to the dockyard, where the "Empress of Australia's" white paint glistened in the brilliant sunshine, the vessel more nearly resembling a gigantic yacht than a liner.

Punctually at 3 o'clock the liner cast off as the band on board played "O Canada" and the last thunderous applause broke from the crowds in the dockyard.

CLASPING HANDS

The last impression the concourse of people at Portsmouth retain of the historic Royal departure is the two small Princesses in pale blue tam-o-shanters clasping hands on the jetty and straining their eyes in an effort to distinguish the figure of the King standing on the bridge at the salute as the liner rapidly increased the distance from the shore.—Reuter.

KING HOLDS A PRIVY COUNCIL

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

IN PREPARATION FOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR CANADA TO-DAY, THE KING HELD A PRIVY COUNCIL YESTERDAY MORNING AND GAVE A FAREWELL AUDIENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

The King has directed the issue of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm delegating to Counsellors of State the Royal function during his absence in Canada and the United States.

The Counsellors of State to whom Royal functions may now be delegated are the Queen, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, the Princess Royal and Princess Arthur of Connaught. — British Wireless.

AMBASSADOR LEAVES

Chungking, Yesterday.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, left Chungking this morning for Chengtu by plane. Sir Archibald was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. John Tahourdin. — Central News.

Off to Gibraltar, with the Welsh Guards. This little fellow, baby of one of the guardsmen, doesn't seem to like his lifejacket—but it's routine sonny.

Keen U.S. Interest In Tour

WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY

INTEREST IN THEIR MAJESTIES' VISIT IS INCREASING HOURLY, AND ALL NEWSPAPERS ARE CARRYING INNUMERABLE STORIES FROM ENGLAND AND CANADA.

Radioed photographs of the Queen will be eagerly scrutinised by society editors, as Her Majesty's wardrobe is expected to set the trend of coming American fashions.

When Their Majesties visit Washington they will be formally met by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, members of the Cabinet, diplomats and Congressmen.

There will be a ceremonial procession escorted by cavalry, armoured cars and 30 tanks to the White House, where Their Majesties will be guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt during their stay.—Reuter.

SOME-ONE TELLING LIES

"It is fairly obvious that someone is telling lies. The stories are so conflicting that there is nothing for me to do but dismiss the case," said Mr. E. Himsworth in a case concerning a sanitary inspector and a postman.

Li King Fai, the postman, alleged that on March 20 at No. 70 Tai Po Road, the defendant assaulted him because he would not give him a registered letter.

Counsel for the defence alleged that complainant was deliberately insulting to the accused. The defence also alleged that complainant had made a great fuss about the delivery of a registered letter which belonged to defendant and was in his name.

EUROPEAN LADY VICTIMISED

A European lady was the victim of a bag-snatcher who appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth yesterday.

She was Mrs. Timberline, of No. 184 Nathan Road, and she had her hand-bag snatched by Chan Lo-ching on Friday. Defendant, who was caught by an Indian Soldier, was sentenced to 4 months' hard labour.

TRAM FATALITY

Crossing the tramway track at the junction of Hennessy Road and Johnston Road in Wanchai yesterday evening, a 64-year-old Chinese was knocked down unconscious by a tram.

The unconscious man was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, but succumbed shortly after admission.

LYSOL CASE

An Indian woman, Fanokour, residing in 245 Lockhart Road, is being treated in the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from lysol poisoning. It is alleged that she attempted on Friday to end her life.

A private car, No. 2150, a Buick, was stolen from Nathan Road near the Sun Sun Hotel yesterday.

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SEVERAL FOREIGNERS MISSING IN THE CHUNGKING INFERNO

Chungking, Yesterday.

Hardly were the fires of the previous air-raid extinguished when 27 Japanese bombers subjected Chungking to one of the most severe raids in the history of Sino-Japanese hostilities, causing an almost incredible bloodbath and transforming one-third of Chungking into a raging inferno.

The Japanese bombers flew over Chungking in formation, strewing bombs in a broad ribbon covering, perhaps, one third of the city with bombs, according to eyewitnesses, incendiary bombs being among them.

In the centre of the bombing ribbon was the Consulate Quarter where the British, French and German Consulates are located. Five minutes after the explosions, huge red flames shot up, colouring the sky.

Immediately the single road passing through the affected areas was blocked by a heedless, fleeing crowd of wounded; with countless dead and enormous debris, so that it was impossible to gather the extent of the fires.

One of the hospitals closest to the German Consulate was hit by a bomb and the Consulate shaken to its foundations. Both the British and French Consulates received direct hits, and many servants were killed and wounded.

The inferno for some time encircled the German Consulate on three sides, but the fire happily burned down before reaching the building.

The newly-arrived German Consul-General, Herr Siebert and his wife, intend to remain in the Consulate.

PANIC RUSH

It is practically impossible, to gather data, since Chungking is panicky with tens of thousands fleeing into the country-side on foot, by buses, rickshas, cars and sedan chairs, all heavily laden with any personal belongings as the people were successful in saving.

The dried-up woodwork of Chungking's houses caused the blazing furnace, which it is impossible to extinguish, although the fire brigades are constantly at work.

Most excellent work is being done by the Red Cross Organisations which, closest to the burning districts are assisting thousands of wounded.

A view from the German Consulate reveals numerous huge fires, partly hidden behind huge smoke-screens.

Owing to the hilly nature of Chungking and the fact that the centres of the fires are in the valleys, it seems likely that the majority of the houses in these areas will be burned down.

The figures of the wounded, killed and trapped cannot possibly be guessed.

FOREIGNERS MISSING

A number of foreigners, including two Germans, are missing, but it is still hoped that they will turn up later. One German woman has been found dead.

They were last reported in the heart of the city, and telephone connection is totally out of order.

The centre of the city is plunged in darkness, and only outlying districts still maintain electric light and telephone service.

Tu Yu Kai, the main shopping centre, is burning in several places.

Chungking presents a spectacle of the utmost confusion and suffering, the city streets being crowded with people who have lost their relatives, with homeless children and aged people running insensate to and fro.

Chinese friends are constantly arriving with tales of missing friends, family members, tales of whole families wiped out, of houses destroyed and property lost. — Trans-Ocean.

100,000 FLEE CITY

Chungking, Yesterday.

The number of people who left Chungking on Friday alone is estimated at about 100,000.

In the open country around Chungking, a number of refugee camps have been erected. — Trans-Ocean.

THE EXCUSE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Japanese spokesman maintains that while bombing military commission's headquarters, Japanese planes were subjected to severe anti-aircraft machinegun fire from an area close to the consulates and the pilots, in consequence, attempted to silence the guns.—Trans-Ocean.

PROTEST ON BOMBING OF BRITISH CONSULATE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Details of the bombing of the British Consulate-General at Chungking have been forwarded to the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, who, it is learned, is lodging a firm protest to-day. — Reuter.

Casualty List Now Put At 5,000

Chungking, Yesterday.

THE fires caused in Thursday's air raid continue to rage, and the casualties are now estimated at 5,000 dead and wounded.

The British Embassy and Consulate Staff have evacuated Chungking proper to a place across the river.

A German woman, Mrs. Huber, was found dead yesterday near the German Consulate.

She was apparently killed while trying to take refuge in the Consulate, which was finally saved from fire undamaged.

No bombs were dropped when Japanese raiders again appeared over Chungking yesterday. The planes, however, once again dropped cigarettes.—Reuter.

FOREIGN PROPERTY IMPERILLED IN SWATOW

Swatow, Yesterday.

EIGHT Japanese planes continued bombing and machine-gunning Swatow this morning 4,000 yards east of the United States Consulate.

The objective was apparently Chinese military headquarters.

Many bombs fell close to foreign property at the Socony installation.

Casualties as yet are unknown. —Reuter.

AIR FORCE EXPANSION

Deliveries Now Ahead Of Schedule

London, Yesterday.

The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking at Guernsey yesterday, said that expansion of the British air defences was proceeding apace and that there had been a record rapid development during the last two months.

As a result of deliveries being ahead of schedule there had been recently placed further considerable additional orders for aircraft which would be delivered in the course of the present year. Steps were also being taken to expand our war potential.

Air development had involved an entire change in our defence problems, and it was for that and other reasons that we are making great efforts and spending vast sums of money on our air defences.

Our output to-day was in fact greater than we had at one time deemed practicable, and we were ahead of schedule.

Our plans had been and were being laid on a broad base, so that we could materially and immediately expand our productive capacity if need should ever arise.

MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE

The response to the recent appeals for officers and men had been truly magnificent.

Last week, over a thousand joined the Royal Air Force alone, three times the number in the corresponding period for the previous year.

In view of the considerable expansion of all the air defence forces, some 75,000 men would be needed this year, and he did not doubt they would be forthcoming.

Britain's policy was plain and should be open to no misconception anywhere.

It was, if we could, to maintain peace but also to fulfil our part in helping to resist aggression and force.

FIRM RESOLVE

We desired to encircle no country. We threatened no people, but our country was united in the firm resolve to spare no effort to do everything so that tryanny should be resisted and that right and justice should prevail.—British Wireless.

BOUGHT A PIG IN A POKE

PEDDLING HIS WARES IN THE STREETS OF HONG KONG, A 28-YEAR-OLD UNLICENCED HAWKER MANAGED TO ACCUMULATE A SMALL FORTUNE — FIFTY HONG KONG DOLLARS.

And, wishing to better his position, he parted with his savings last Thursday morning on the promise of securing a permanent job in Wellington Barracks.

The job was promised by one of his friends, Ng Wan, who, on receiving the money, disappeared.

He was, however, arrested and yesterday charged with obtaining money by false pretences. At Kowloon, yesterday, he was remanded for 48 hours.

PARIS TALK ON LITVINOFF

Paris, Yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, yesterday received the Papal Nuncio and the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, with whom he discussed the international repercussions of the resignation of the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff.

Official circles stress that the resignation is unlikely to result in any change in Soviet foreign policy.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. R. Edwards, residing in Sassoon Road, has reported that money, jewellery and clothing to the value of $256 was stolen from his residence some time on Friday night. Clothing valued at $20 was recovered.

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Denial Of Serb-Croat Breakdown

Belgrade, Yesterday.

The Croat paper "Hrvatski Dnevnik," which, in heavy type reported, under the heading "Compromise rejected," that the Serbo-Croat negotiations had broken down, was immediately confiscated.

The paper published a letter, addressed to the Yugoslav Prime Minister, by Dr. Sebashitch, who participated in the negotiations on behalf of Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, stating that the Crown and the Prime Minister had refused to come to an understanding.

Belgrade Government quarters declare that this statement is not in accordance with the facts and promised an official statement. Thus far, it is stated, the Prime Minister had not received any communication to the effect that Dr. Matchek regarded the negotiations as broken off.

The efforts made by the Government and the Regency Council to prevent a breakdown is evidenced, by the statement which the Prime Minister made to the press on Friday afternoon, in which he said:

"In course of the negotiations between Dr. Matchek and myself, proposals have been put forward by both sides during the last few days which are presently still under consideration." — Trans-Ocean.

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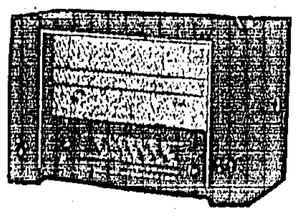

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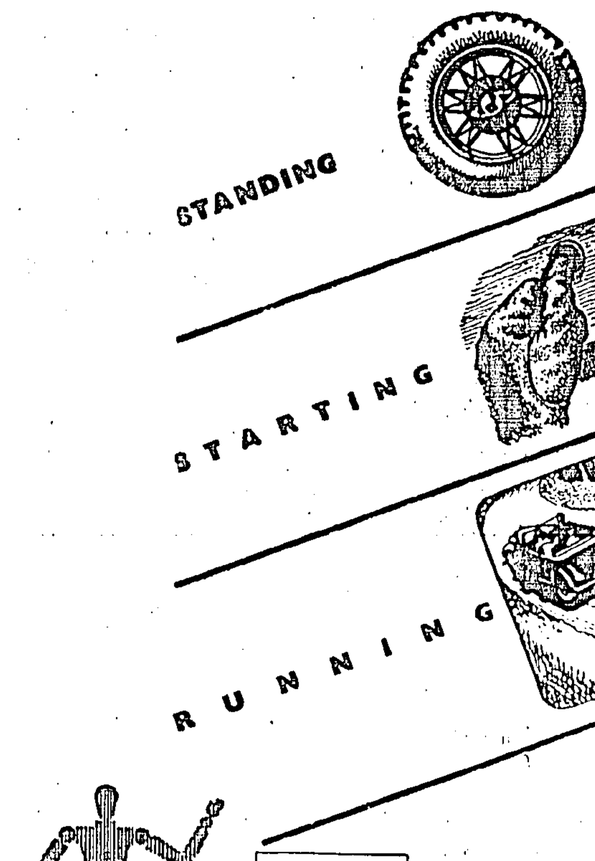

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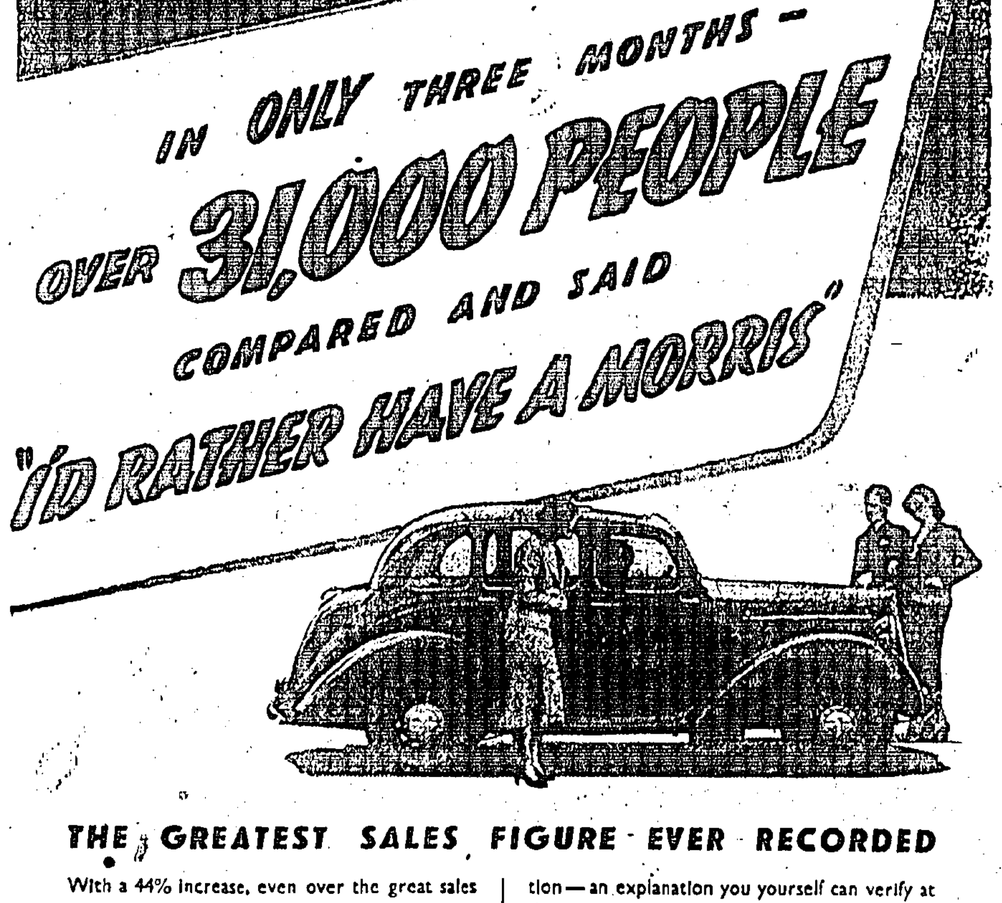

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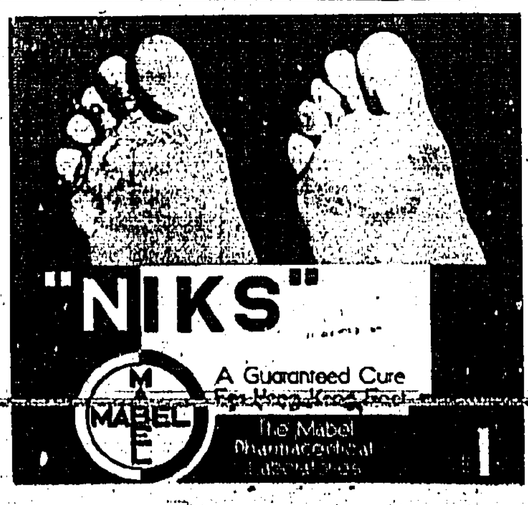


H.K. MAN'S STORY OF RAID ON CHUNGKING: NO EXCUSE FOR CONSULATE BOMBINGS

Japanese excuses that anti-aircraft fire in the neighbourhood of foreign consulates in Chungking was responsible for their being bombed were refuted by Mr. Octavio Cuevas, of the Intercontinent Corporation, in an interview at the Hong Kong offices of the company yesterday morning. Mr. Cuevas arrived late Friday evening by Eurasia aeroplane from China's war-time capital.

THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN CONSULATES, HE TOLD A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "HONG KONG SUNDAY HERALD," WERE ON THE OPPOSITE BANK OF THE RIVER, IN A RESIDENTIAL SECTION LARGELY OCCUPIED BY FOREIGNERS.

There are few Chinese homes and no Chinese government or military buildings anywhere near these premises.

The French consular offices were on the other bank and not far from Chinese official buildings, but there was absolutely no excuse for bombs being dropped in or near the British consulate. (Reports from Chungking are to the effect that several bombs were dropped in the consular grounds, killing 25 Chinese and wounding 50; Mr. John Tahourdin, the British Ambassador's personal secretary, was wounded while distributing brandy and first-aid equipment among the injured).

LITTLE A.A. DEFENCE

So far as he could see — and Mr. Cuevas, who is a salesman of American military aeroplanes, watched from the roof of the company's Chungking office — the Chinese capital has very little anti-aircraft defence.

"I neither saw nor heard any real anti-aircraft guns, firing shrapnel, being used," he told the "Sunday Herald."

A number of machine-guns had been mounted in special stands enabling them to fire up at the invading air force, but for defensive purposes they were practically useless.

One tracer bullet was fired in every five, he said, and from his roof-top vantage point he was able to see them falling far short of their objective.

The Japanese bombers, he estimated, came over at a height of about 8,000 feet; the tracer bullets showed the anti-aircraft fire falling far short of the mark.

NO PRETEXT

Pressed to say whether, in his opinion as a competent eye-witness of the raids, there was any justification for bombing near the American and British Consulates and homes, Mr. Cuevas emphatically said:—"No."

There were no military objectives, nor even machine-gun anti-aircraft fire near them.

Chungking, he said, was a city with narrow, winding streets and closely packed houses. Despite the steady evacuation of the city, many thousands of poor Chinese were sticking to their homes until the last possible moment. Hundreds were killed and horribly mangled as the Japanese aeroplanes came over and loosed their bombs.

CASUALTY RUMOURS

"I am unable to say how many were actually killed," he said. "On the first day, I was told that at least 3,000 had lost their lives and on the second my information was that a further 7,000 had been killed, making 10,000 in all for the two days. This is probably somewhat exaggerated." (Reports from Chungking yesterday indicated that between 6,000 and 7,000 had been killed and wounded).

In addition, there were large numbers of people injured, either by bombs, falling debris or by the fires which sprang up.

STAFF SAFE

Up to the time that he left Chungking, no foreigners had been killed; his company's own staff, consisting of three men and a woman, was still safe and sound.

In his opinion, however, the foreign population of Chungking could soon drop into negligible figures, for under the repeated air-raids the city was rapidly becoming a shambles, and all who could were making arrangements to leave in the near future.

Mr. Cuevas was unable to say how many Japanese aeroplanes had raided the city, but he himself counted 20 on the first day and 18 on the second.

CHINA'S AIR FORCE

There were about 20 fast interceptor fighters owned by the Chinese Air Force at Chungking. Two were shot down when they gave combat in the first raid; in the other, they remained on the ground and were not damaged.

He left Chungking before the third air-raid was carried out and was therefore not in a position to give, or confirm, any details. Press reports of the bombings of the first two days, however, were accurate.

Interviewing Mr. Cuevas yesterday morning had its difficulties, for a large number of friends were "dropping in" to express their relief at his having come through the bombing unscathed.

Other members of the company's staff in Chungking — Mr. Cuevas is a member of the Hong Kong office — may leave in the near future, it is indicated. The Intercontinent Corporation are China agents for Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Corporation and Vultee Aircraft, and prior to the start of hostilities had their head office in Shanghai.

ASTORIA STAYING TILL WEDNESDAY

It was intimated by the commanding officer of the U.S.S. Astoria yesterday afternoon that the American cruiser, now on a short visit to the Colony, will not be leaving for Manila until Wednesday.

It was earlier stated that she would sail to-morrow.

New Move To Organise Hong Kong "Preparedness"

The King of the Beggars of Peiping, referred to in "Private Faces in Public Places," as portrayed by Josepho.

GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY TO FIND OUT KEY MEN

Further important steps in the process of organising local "preparedness" are now being taken.

Registration of British subjects has reached a more advanced stage and local business executives are now receiving special forms to facilitate the compilation of a list of "reserved occupations" and of "specially exempted."

Immediate objective is to discover who among local residents are occupying key posts, that is to say, one for which a European is essential for carrying on the work of a department or organisation in time of emergency.

Employers are invited to provide a list of employees who will still perform essential services and those who can be dispensed with in time of emergency.

In the meantime, Mr. K. A. Bidmead, A.S.P., who is in charge of the Registration of British subjects is able to report a great improvement in the rate of registration as a result of the wide publicity given recently.

The response during the past week was 50 per cent. better than previously, and it is hoped that registration will be completed by the end of this week.

No official warning has been given, and it is perhaps unnecessary to remind British subjects that they are liable to prosecution if they fail to register.

NEW FACILITIES

To speed up registration, facilities have been granted by the General Post Office, and the Travel Bureau at the Star Ferry Wharf, for filled-in registration forms to be left. Forms can be obtained and filled in on the spot.

The forms are collected by Registration officials later in the day.

Chinese Voluntary Register

The voluntary registration of British subjects of Chinese race, has not yet begun, according to the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Registration forms, similar to those issued to British subjects, are now being printed with additional Chinese wording, and registration will begin when these forms are ready for distribution.

EVICTIONS ORDINANCE TO BE PROLONGED

A draft bill to be submitted to Legislative Council on Thursday provides for the extension of the Prevention of Evictions Ordinance, in its present form, with all amendments, for a further twelve months as from June 1.

Tenants who have already received demands for increased rents from landlords, in anticipation of the lapsing of protective legislation are advised, by us, where the increase demanded is considered unreasonable, to proffer the normal rent, and no more.

Revolvers Found In Raid

Bail of $2,000 each was allowed three Shanghai tailors at the Magistracy yesterday when they faced charges of having in their possession arms and ammunition without a licence.

The men, Chong Chang-ka, 34, Fan Man-fu, 30, and Ting Chang-ku, 31, were arrested in a police raid on No. 328, Main Street, Shaukiwan, yesterday, when one "Bayard" automatic pistol; one "Marina" automatic pistol; and 16 rounds of ammunition were discovered.

Mr. F. H. Loseby represented accused, who were remanded for 72 hours by Mr. T. J. Houston, at the request of Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin.

COMING WEDDING

The marriage between Miss Chrispina Maria Perpetuo and Mr. Joseph William Leonard, well-known Craigengower sportsman, will take place on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church.

The bride-to-be is the only daughter of Mrs. T. M. Perpetuo and the late Mr. Perpetuo, and the future bridegroom is the oldest son of Mrs. Leonard and the late Mr. Leonard.

Two Cholera Cases In Colony

The warnings of the Director of Medical Services against cholera have proved timely, for two suspected cases in the Colony were confirmed yesterday, and a third suspect is now in the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

One of the victims has already succumbed to the disease. One of the cases was imported, and investigations are proceeding to establish whether or not the other two contracted the disease in the Colony.

That every precaution is necessary if Hong Kong is to escape a serious epidemic is evident from the early outbreak.

Incidentally, five fresh cases were notified during the week in Macao.

It is gratifying to note that co-operation by the general public, in connection with the Anti-Cholera Campaign launched by the Medical Department during the week, is already forthcoming. Many requests have been received by the Department for arrangements to be made for inoculation.

It is learned that requests have come from industrial concerns in the Colony, applying for special facilities to enable their staffs to be inoculated against cholera.

Large business firms have made similar requests in the course of the week.

REPULSE BAY RUMOUR DENIED

RUMOURS of official intention to exclude owners of private bathing-tents from Repulse Bay and to prevent them from erecting tents on the public beach, continue to reach the "Sunday Herald."

Enquiries made yesterday of Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, the Director of Public Works, elicited a reply that no such decision has been reached.

Although the bathing season has already officially commenced (as from May 1) the Committee responsible for recommendations concerning beach facilities has not yet completed its labours, although the final meeting is expected at an early date.

The "Sunday Herald" was given to understand that prohibition—which, on a point of principle concerning a public beach, would undoubtedly rouse a storm of protest—is not contemplated.

What is likely is that the area allotted to owners of private tents will be changed to another part of the beach this season, and perhaps back again next season, the object being to give owners of front matsheds a fair share of open vista from year to year.

BORDER ARRESTS

With the assistance of the Shumchun Police the Hong Kong Police have arrested five Chinese, suspected of having participated in robberies in the New Territories.

The men were found in the Shumchun Hotel, on information received from three men arrested in Kowloon.

TRAMWAYS ORGANISE FOR EMERGENCY

CONDUCTORS and drivers of the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, and the China Motor-bus Company, Limited, are now being trained and prepared for time of emergency.

Special classes in first-aid and air-raid precautions are being held for them on the companies' premises, and a number of the men have already passed examinations conducted by the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the A.R.P. Department.

Those taking part are all volunteers. But co-operating, both companies have granted special facilities, hours being set aside for classes and lectures which are conducted on the premises of the companies.

The Tramway employees are now organising a Tramway Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

This will be the only first-aid division organised by and comprising employees of a single commercial concern in the Colony.

Employees of the China Motor-bus Company, Limited, are at present undergoing a short course in A.R.P. to enable them to co-operate with the authorities in an emergency.

Ten drivers and conductors have successfully completed the course.

Mr. Angel Antonio Cuan Y Achay, residing at No. 396, Des Voeux Road West, will shortly marry Miss Cheung Chim-chim, of No. 77, Tainam Street.

And His Tin Ship Went To Hospital With Him

For some weeks past, an elderly, emaciated man has stood around street corners in the central district, more particularly in Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street, timid and a newcomer to the salesman's profession, trying to sell a model battleship.

This battleship is a preposterous affair of iron and silver paint and red enamel, modelled on the lines of those ponderous topheavy craft which first saw the sea a few years before the Russo-Japanese War. From various salient points, Chinese Nationalist flags fluttered in the breeze.

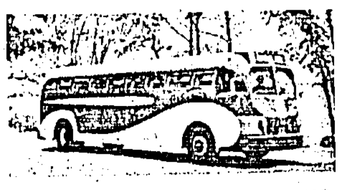
It was quite a brave show, but no-one seemed to want to buy it. Every day has seen him plodding about or standing on corners, the ship under his arm, while busy crowds flowed past him, giving little more than a cursory glance. The end of each day found him standing meekly at the curb-side, the boat still under his arm.

How long it is since he had anything to eat is not known. But yesterday morning, shortly after he had put in his usual appearance near the Gloucester Hotel, he was seen to sway slightly and then collapse. He appeared to be starving.

Several Chinese and European ladies ran to his assistance, while a small crowd gathered. A glass of water was hastily procured by a British lady and, as he came to, a few drops were poured down his throat, while friendly hands helped him to sit up.

As soon as he gathered his wits, the old man looked up, scared, at the crowd around him. Fearing he knew not what, he tried to scramble to his feet and run away, but the effort was too much for him.

A moment or so later, a police officer arrived and arrangements were made to take him to the hospital. The tin ship, which several times escaped being trampled on by people who had previously taken no notice of him, went to the hospital with him.



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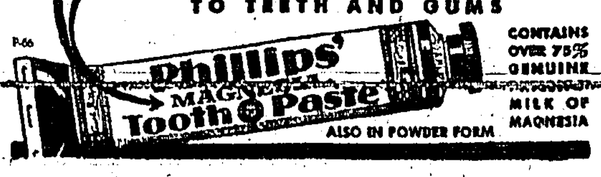

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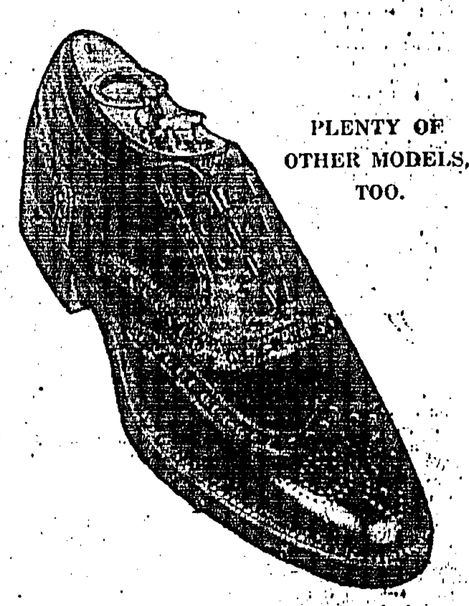

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THIS shy, middle-aged man, with a friendly, apologetic smile, began his career in Russia. In pre-revolution days he was one of the first producers in the early Russian film industry. In those days, before America had begun to swamp the world's markets, France and Germany were the premier producers of films, and Russia was not far behind. Surprisingly, this industry was fostered by the Imperial Government, which controlled the company for which he worked. Good films, were rare. They tried paying fabulous salaries to established stage actors, but found they could not adapt themselves to the new medium. Producers were much more successful with young people, who came to the studios with no faults to unlearn.

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JOSEPHO devoted much of his attention to the technical side of film production, and this stood him in good stead when he moved to Vladivostock in 1922. He opened a studio there as a 'still' photographer, and made every use of his film training in getting novel effects into his portraits. His work interested the President of China, Lee Yuang Hung, who induced him to go to Peiping as official photographer and he became a member of the president's entourage.

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LEE, who succeeded to the post on the death of Yuan Shi-kai in 1916, had a benign, pleasant personality which impressed itself even on his political opponents. They knew they could trust him and visit him and seek his advice. Josepho remembers those deadly enemies, Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu, coming, in the middle of hostilities, to the house of the president to confer with him. It was in this house that Josepho met so many of the famous people that he now knows. In 1924, however, Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General", marched on Peiping and deposed Lee, who took refuge in the British Concession in Tientsin, dying in 1928.

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WHEN, on the death of his father, Chang Hsueh-liang assumed the overlordship of Manchuria, he invited Josepho to join his staff. Some years before, anxious to have a photographic record of his father, he had asked Josepho to Mukden. The Old Marshal, however, was adamant in his refusal. Several times he seemed to melt and each time the photographer came post-haste from Peiping. The Young Marshal would line up the members of the staff, stand them at attention round his father's chair, and then walk with the old man to his chair, earnestly persuasive. Then Old Chang's face would harden. He waved his hand, the staff melted away and Josepho retired defeated. On one occasion, after having waited three weeks, he was called out of bed at 2 a.m. because the old man seemed to be in an amenable mood, but it was all to no purpose.

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THE Young Marshal was fully alive to the value of publicity, and his photographic department was a large one. One of Josepho's first jobs was to make 30,000 copies of his picture for distribution to officials and army officers. Later, he had to make half-a-million of them one, for each member of the army. One of the most popular methods of sending them out was to paste them to the back of the mirrors issued to the troops.

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THERE was also an active propaganda department, which produced moving pictures. Some were for record and educational purposes and for internal propaganda, and Chang, keen on teaching the Chinese the possibilities of colonisation in Manchuria, made films illustrating the country's fertility. Many were made for foreign consumption. One of the best that Josepho helped to produce was of the immensely rich province of Jehol. The purpose, of course, was to shew foreign investors that it was a profitable field for investment.

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ANOTHER of Josepho's jobs was to photograph every member of the staff of the Mukden-Peiping Railway, 40,000 of them. He had four assistants, two of whom worked in the north, whilst the other two went south with him. He was given the use of a small rail-car, by means of which, after photographing the staff of one station, he could proceed to the next. There were long distances between stations and the district was infested with bandits.

COMPOSITION: ERNA FRIEDLANDER

One day he and his assistants were captured and taken to a stronghold. The bandits were curious about his strange equipment, and when he explained, all insisted on being photographed. This done, and the negatives safely in the bandits' pockets, they politely escorted Josepho and his party back to the railway. Meanwhile, his other assistants, in the north, had also been captured, and it cost $2,000 to effect their release.

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IT was at this period that he became acquainted with the man who has since done so much for China, W. H. Donald. The Australian was then Chang Hsueh-liang's foreign secretary. Josepho regards him as one of the most unselfish men he has ever met, a man with little regard for money who refused to take a regular salary and accepted only sufficient for his needs. The Young Marshal was constantly on the move, constantly in fear that the Japanese would attempt to remove him, as they had his father. Wherever he went he took his personal staff and his foreign advisers, including both Donald and Josepho.

IN 1931, when Manchuria fell to the Japanese, Josepho went south to Shanghai, where he opened a studio. In that studio he made portraits of many hundreds of Chinese and foreign notables. A complete list would form a veritable "Who's Who in China". It includes Madame Chiang, the British Ambassador and Lady Clark-Kerr, Brigadier Telfer Smollett, T. V. Soong. One of the photographs of which he is most proud is a study of a famous "King of Beggars" in Peiping. This was the most difficult of all his pictures to obtain. The King of the Beggars, ragged and dejected beyond description, was reputed to be fabulously rich, controlling the whole of the begging racket in Peiping, every member of which had to pay him tribute, and none of whom dared ply their trade without his sanction.

IN Shanghai, Josepho, together with a partner, Mr. Nichols, began a series of experiments. They describe as "lighting separation" by means of which they get some startling effects. One example is a night photograph of a theatre in Shanghai. The theatre itself is plunged in darkness yet every detail of the building and the waiting audience can be seen clearly. Two white shafts of light, one vertical, the other horizontal, give interesting contrast to the picture.

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ANOTHER of their experiments concerns the use of the colours with which they paint miniatures on old ivory—new ivory will not hold the paint. The colours themselves were obtained from an old Chinese, who made them by grinding down minerals, sapphires for blue, emeralds for green, rubies for red. This old man has since died or disappeared, but he has left with them a good supply of his colours. The purpose of the experiment was to find a means of fixing the colours so that they would never fade. Josepho says they will last at least a hundred years.

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HE came to Hong Kong a month ago to exhibit his remarkable collection of pictures. Since his arrival, he has met so many of his old friends that now he is reluctant to leave.

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An Unusual Technique

IT is notorious that critics are a jaundiced race. Unlike their literary confreres, who have the pleasant habit of finding new masterpieces every week, they prefer hymns of hate to paeons of praise. Indeed, they take pleasure in deploring the decadence of modern art and the incompetence of modern artists. So, when an art critic such as the Frenchman, Fries, rhapsodises about a new 'find', lovers of good paintings are given food for thought.

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THE painter who thus impressed him was Erna Friedlander, a German girl, at that time working in Milan, but lately arrived in Hong Kong. Born in the village of Husum in North Germany, she reached her career through the medium of "doodling". When waiting, or talking to anyone, she drew lightning sketches of companions or people around her. The habit amused her friends, but it was not till she drew, in the stop press portion of a newspaper, a portrait of a noted painter, that her artistic potentialities were realised.

HE took her to Berlin, taught her the elements of her job, then sent her to study under the Impressionist, Henry Spiro, who shewed her how to develop her quite unusual talents. From Berlin to Paris, where she studied under Andre Lhote and came under the influence of the Spanish master, Picasso, who, weathering the derision evoked by his ultra-modernism, had become the unquestioned leader of French art. Erna is equally modern, equally trenchant, yet there is in her work something of the profundity of the early Italians.

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SHE has attracted special attention by her use of a little-known technique. This is known as "monotype." The method is to paint the picture first on glass, or sometimes a sheet of zinc, transferring it to paper not more than about an hour-and-a-half afterwards. The artist has to work at high speed and strokes must be swift and sure, because once the paint has been laid on, no change is possible. This may seem no more than an ingenious device, but the effect is startling. It lends to bright colours an unusual vividness, to theme an air of unreality, even of mysticism.

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ERNA Friedlander does not, however, depend on any mere device. She can paint. She can create the illusion that her figures, her landscapes, her simple bowl of flowers, are more real than reality. Because her wild and riotous imagination catches the spirit and rhythm of nature. She imparts to her trees a tenderness, to her mountains a sublimity, to everything she paints a wildness that is deeply rooted both in nature and in fantasy. Her pictures are charming and provocative and because of her special technique, they have a stirring quality which is entirely her own.

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SHE has come to Hong Kong in the hope of starting a school of art. It was one of the cherished ambitions of the late Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecot, that the Colony should have an art school, and now there is some expectation that this may be realised. An exhibition of her work is being held next week-end and on Tuesday evening at 8.30 she is giving a demonstration of the use of "monotype" at 51, Gloucester Road (between the China Fleet Club and the Naval Picket House).

On Friday evening, His Excellency the Governor dined with Captain G. W. K. Keble-White, R.N., on H.M.S. Medway.

The marriage took place on Thursday of Mr. Aw Ho, son of the well-known Singapore millionaire and philanthropist, Mr. Aw Boon-haw, and Miss Chan Shau-yung.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

by Esther

Stay the stag line in a "sugar and spice and all that's nice" evening formal of peppermint striped red and white challis which *MISS NAYLOR* is sponsoring. In keeping with the shadow you must cast this Summer it has all the appearance of the Gay Nineties and all the flair of a 1939 model. Three rows of deep frilled flounces trim the skirt and the bodice is a sleek heart-shaped tube strapped to the shoulders with two bands of black velvet ribbon. Velvet bows, placed with careless grace, give piquancy to this frock. Some striking beach suits are also here, and you will be thrilled by the originality and down-right cuteness of a three-piece model, comprising a brief top, shorts and everskirt. In uncrushable and incredibly soft figured linen and lined for added safety. Variation is provided in another type with frills outlining the legs and bodice of a one-piece sun suit with thigh length swing coat. See these at once for the thrill they will give you.

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The bloused silhouette that gives softness above the wide belt and casual ease to your clothes, makes it important for you to visit *EXCELLA*, 188 Nathan Road, this week. This firm, quick to adopt fashions newest ideas, is showing several versions of these windbreakers, and trim skirts are made highly exciting with diaphaneous blouses that billow at the bust and on arms. Multi-coloured stripes, plaids and spicy plain colours provide revolutionary contrast to skirts in other plain shades. Apart from these, you can achieve real swish in several lines of the built-for-action type, and a parade of figurined linen formals with enormous spreading skirts. A colourful plaid with green, orange, blue, brown and white tones uses as many as ten yards in the skirt! And there is a stimulating navy and white with vertical border design that should not be overlooked. Prices allow you to splurge here.

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The dictionary says; colic is a disease attended with severe pain --- and since we are sure no mother would wish such suffering for her child, we rush in with the suggestion that *WATSON'S BABY WATER* be kept in the house. In fact, if there's a baby in the house, you can't afford to be without *WATSON'S BABY WATER* Colic is very prevalent among tiny tots, especially during the warmer months. It is caused through griping, indigestion, acidity, wind or flatulence --- but *WATSON'S BABY WATER* will soon put matters right. It soothes the pain instantly. How can you tell when your child has colic. Well, babies have one way of letting you know their troubles, and we have never known it to fail yet. They give vent to their lungs! *WATSON'S BABY WATER* is made by *WATSON'S*, Sold at *WATSON'S*, and all other leading dispensaries in town.

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Slenderizing lines flow from shoulder to hem in a group of lovely pastel linens in the Ladies Salon of *LANE, CRAWFORD'S*. Beautifully cut, beautifully tailored and important for morning freshness these frocks include bits of handiwork to give them that ultra look associated with exclusive little shops. Trim bodices flaunt row upon row of neat stitched pleats, or else they are flanked with pockets of intricate cut-work. There are no fussy details to detract from the clean-cut appearance of these dresses, and crease resisting linen, in lively pastels, has been used throughout. The fastidious woman will make these frocks the backbone of her summer wardrobe, for tailored blouses bear the same proud touch of individuality, and dramatic things are done to collars and pockets. A tomato red takes the wind out of your sails for sheer beauty, and adds spice to your favourite pair of slacks or suit. A limited number of multi-coloured striped linen blazers, too.

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On a Vast Coalition Against Any Kind Of Hegemony Depends The Defence of the Democracies: The Rest Is Verbiage

What The Russian Air Force Means

IF the democratic nations had to cope with a totalitarian aggression, could they count upon the assistance of the Soviet air force? The answer to this question depends upon politicians and diplomats. But what would be the value of such collaboration and in what form could it be extended?

There are three problems to be examined: the importance of the Soviet air force, the capacity of production of the Soviet air industry and the utilisation of the Soviet air force.

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BEFORE Munich, the Soviet air fleet was the largest in the world. It may now have been surpassed by the German fleet with the Czech aircraft annexed by Hitler. It is, however, still numerous and powerful and counts 5,000 fighting planes of which 1,000 are in the Far East.

It would be difficult for the democracies to do without the Soviet's help. The number of their fighting planes is less by about half than that at the disposal of Germany and Italy. The democracies cannot, like the totalitarian States, mobilise, in time of peace, all their resources for the construction of weapons. In any case, they have not yet done so. Germany and Italy are at present building more aircraft than England and France. The first few weeks of a war would be very hard for the democracies. For them, the question is to have sufficient forces, in the air and on land, to prevent the totalitarian States from winning a short war and to permit of the gradual mobilisation of their immense economic and financial resources.

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IT is practically certain that Russia would be obliged to maintain about one quarter of her forces in the Far East. Moreover, if Poland were to hesitate, she would be compelled to hold in reserve a force at least equal to the Polish air fleet—about 1,500 planes. But she could cast a minimum of 2,000 fighting planes into the fight against the European aggressors. This aid would reduce the margin of inferiority of the democracies to less than 20% and would enable them to support the initial onslaughts without collapsing.

What is the value of this fleet? It could include a very large proportion of modern planes for, as regards Japan and above all Poland, Russia can fend for herself with less recent types. The average quality would therefore be excellent, even admitting that the latest German types outclass the most recent Russian constructions. Further, the Soviet operating crews are at least as well trained as those of Germany, and the lower and middle ranks are well staffed. There remains the question of the higher ranks and of the General Staff, whose numbers have been reduced by the "expurgations" of 1937 and 1938. But, in the event of a conflict, British and French licenced officers could collaborate with the Soviet formations, provided such co-operation were prepared in sufficient time.

To sum up: the U.S.S.R. can increase the air forces of the democratic block by about 30%. The democracies have not the right to neglect this possibility.

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IN a long war, the economic factor prevails over the military; in this case, the U.S.S.R. would have the most important aeronautic production in Europe.

All things being equal, Russia is equipped to produce as many planes as Germany and even more. But things will not be equal in the event of a war. Russia has raw materials and space. Her factories are the only ones in Europe to be safe from air-raids and from shortage of supplies.

Would the Russian material be good? That would depend on the other nations. In wartime, States forming part of a coalition would pool their discoveries and studies. Soviet Russia has proved her ability to build foreign types of planes and engines under licence. Here again, it would be wise to make immediate arrangements for the necessary technical collaboration.

The democracies can dispose of the greatest industrial reservoir in Europe. If, further, they benefit by the economic assistance of the United States, and if, during the first months of a war, they are capable of maintaining the necessary strategical positions, they will be victorious in a war of attrition.

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BUT how can the Soviet air force be utilised?

If the democracies were to secure the co-operation of Poland or Rumania there would be no difficulty at all. This would virtually restore the conditions existing before Munich which were definitely in their favour. In this event, and in order to avoid conflicts and difficulties, it would be preferable for Russia to confine herself to supplying air material to the States fighting the aggressors.

BY PIERRE COT

Former Air Minister Of France

The problem would be more complicated if the democracies were unable to secure the co-operation of the States on the Eastern frontier of Germany. It would then be necessary to consider the possibility of utilising the Soviet forces in the first place—in the first place, not solely—as a vast reserve of air material and to provide for its transport to the Western front.

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FROM what precedes, two conclusions may be drawn:

— First, France and England should do all in their power to obtain the co-operation not only of Moscow, but also of Bucharest and Warsaw. Time and opportunities have been lost since Munich. This is not a reason for throwing the saddle after the horse, but rather the reverse.

— Secondly, the collaboration of the Soviet air force should not be left to improvisation; it must be carefully prepared by technical and military agreements. If the democracies do not make the necessary efforts in these two fields, their reputation for intelligence and foresight is at stake.

It cannot be sufficiently emphasised that, if war breaks out, the salvation of the democracies will lie in the prompt organisation of a vast coalition against any kind of hegemony. On this coalition depends their defence. The rest is verbiage.

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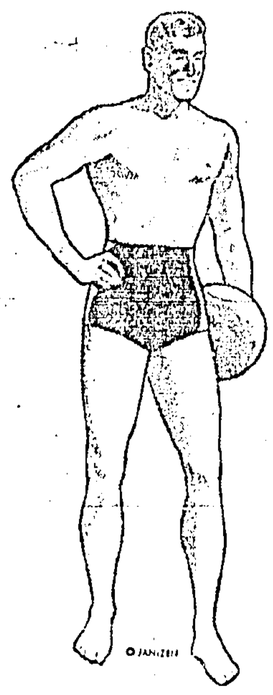

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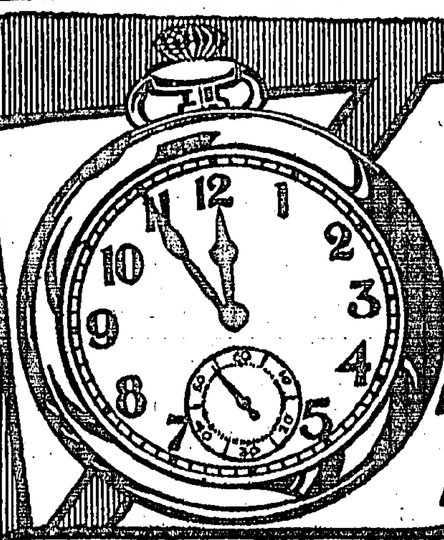

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KEYS OF CITY FOR THE KING

London, Yesterday.

The keys of the city of Portsmouth will be presented to His Majesty the King when he passes through the city to-day on his way to embark in the "Empress of Australia" for the Canadian and United States tour.

• The last occasion on which keys were presented was to Queen Victoria in 1842.—Our Own Correspondent.

NO MORE A.R.P. TRENCHES

London, Yesterday.

SIR John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, who recently rejected the principle of deep bomb-proof shelters, has now decreed that he "will not normally agree" to the construction of trenches in addition to those dug last September.

Sir John's Department states: "Factors which influence this decision are the superior advantage of basements for public shelters and the considerable time it takes to construct trenches with suitable drainage, lighting and sanitary arrangements.

"Local authorities are urged to concentrate on strengthening basements, which are more comfortable than trenches and usually can be provided more cheaply and speedily.—Our Own Correspondent.

YARD CHIEF IN U.S. PLANS

G-MEN GUARD FOR THE KING

No Trouble Expected

New York, Yesterday.

OFFICIAL plans for the elaborate protection of the King and Queen during their visit to the United States in June were outlined at a conference between Chief Constable Canning, of Scotland Yard, Mr. Edgar Hoover, chief of Washington's G-men, Mr. Frank J. Wilson, U.S. Secret Service Chief, and other State Department officials.

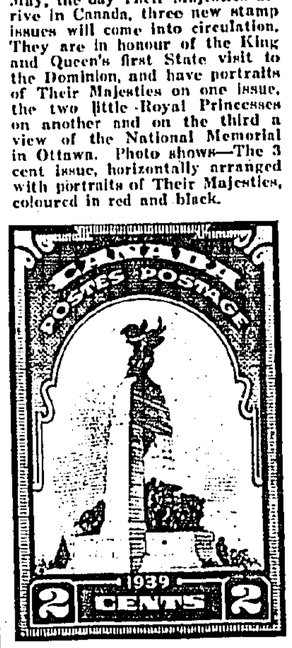
While the plans were being discussed, Chief Constable Canning said: "The American people, I feel sure, are devoted to my sovereigns. We expect no trouble. There is no enmity in the United States for King George and Queen Elizabeth."

For the first time in history, America's crack G-men will join picked Scotland-yard men. With them will be thousands of State and local police who will watch over the safety and comfort of the royal visitors from the moment they enter United States territory.

Plain-clothes police will mingle with the crowds, and everywhere the King and Queen travel military guards of honour will be provided.

Every lift they enter will be inspected, all trains and cars will be specially tested, and track walkers will patrol the railway lines used by the royal train.

NEW CANADIAN STAMP ISSUE IN HONOUR OF THEIR MAJESTIES.—On the 15th of May, the day Their Majesties arrive in Canada, three new stamp issues will come into circulation. They are in honour of the King and Queen's first State visit to the Dominion, and have portraits of Their Majesties on one issue, the two little Royal Princesses on another and on the third a view of the National Memorial in Ottawa. Photo shows—The 3 cent issue, horizontally arranged with portraits of Their Majesties, coloured in red and black.



The 2 cents issue. Vertically arranged with a view of the National Memorial in Ottawa, coloured in brown and black.

(At Right)—The 1 cent issue. Horizontally arranged with portraits of Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, coloured in green and black.

A FAMOUS WHISKY

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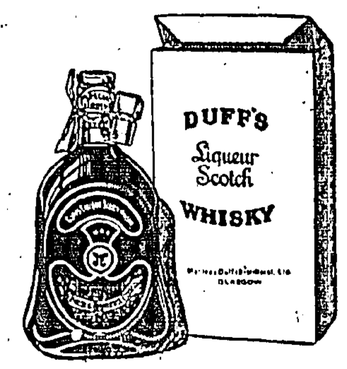

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Young Men Of Mayfair On Jewel Theft Charges

London, Yesterday.

Victor Hervey, 23-year-old son of Lord Herbert Hervey and nephew of the Marquis of Bristol, who gave his address as Upper Berkeley Street, W., was charged at Marlborough Street, with being concerned in breaking and entering a flat in Queen Street, Mayfair, and stealing jewellery valued at £2,500, the property of Mrs. Pauline Daubeny.

With him in the dock were Geoffry Coop, 21, of Conduit-Mews, and George Hering, 23, of Great Cumberland Place, W.

This was their second appearance and they were again remanded, bail being refused.

All Mayfair men, two of them were represented by Mr. A. Kramer, who said they had suffered discomfort in being conveyed from Brixton Prison in a police van and applied for permission, subject to the proper costs being paid by them, to be taken back in a private vehicle.

Are these men ill? asked Mr. Sandbach.

Mr. Kramer: No.

Mr. Sandbach: I don't see why they should have differential treatment.

SECOND ROBBERY ALLEGED

Hervey and Hering are accused of being concerned with others in a jewel robbery at the home in Seymour Place of Mrs. G. Burley, the loss in this case being £2,860.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Sift flour and salt. Cream shortening and orange rind; add sugar gradually and beat till light and fluffy. Add one-third of the flour, blending until smooth; add orange juice and blend. Add half the remaining flour, then the milk, then the remaining flour. Beat after each addition until smooth. Bake in greased loaf pan 8 x 4 x 4-inches; moderate oven (375 degs.) 45 to 50 minutes. Cool.

Orange Icing

One teaspoon butter; 1 teaspoon lemon juice; 1 tablespoon orange juice; pinch salt and sufficient sifted icing sugar to make a smooth spreading consistency. Beat well. Spread on to cake. Sprinkle with finely shredded orange rind.

Pro Bono Pub

by YAFFLE

LET us now gather round and discuss the evils of drink. (James, fill this gentleman's glass.) Your emotions were doubtless stirred the other day by reading the pronouncement of the Glasgow Magistrates that games are to be banned in pubs.

Does this mean that darts, draughts, dominoes, and shove-halfpenny are to be added to the list of social vices?

No. It is not the games that are wrong. There is no evil in darts—as darts. No domino, qua domino, ever led a man astray. There are no records of people being charged with driving a car while under the influence of draughts.

And I doubt very much if any guaranteed lost soul or bona fide sinner could be found attributing his downfall to shove-halfpenny.

The reason for the excommunication is that these games tend to prolong the time that people spend in pubs, and—as the report before me expresses it—the games "encourage drinking."

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This idea that drinking is an evil habit, and that a pub is a place to be avoided rather than entered by responsible citizens, is not new. Wherever there are good things, there are found people who, on various moral or hygienic grounds, forswear them.

I do not propose here to discuss the effects of alcohol upon the human organism, beyond observing that in my view, taking all factors into consideration, the truth was probably summed up in an advertisement I once saw in a French cafe:—

"Average age of a drinker of water, 59 years.

"Average age of a drinker of wine 63."

But in view of the pessimism which pervades us to-day, it is surprising that the public has not leapt to the defence of that which maketh glad the heart of man, or offered some loud challenge to the utterance of these misguided Glaswegian beaks.

Let us admit the shortcomings where the air is thicker than the beer, and friend sees friend but dimly, groping through the frowst.

Let us grant the need of space and, since in these days we must pander to the faddist, more air. But let us set a watch upon our liberties, lest in reforming the pub they reform its purpose also, and the tavern sink to the level of the gymnasium.

For behind this sinister talk of healthy recreation I see the cloven footprints of the hidden hand of Fitness. But a little while and a Commission of Inquiry into National Recreation will be drawing attention to the Dangerous Habit of Sitting and Drinking.

Then, in the interest of national health, darts, dominoes, shove-halfpenny and draughts will be made compulsory on all premises licensed to sell alcoholic liquor. And it will be enacted that:—

No person between the ages of 18 and 58 shall be permitted to sit and drink for more than ten minutes at a time. To ensure the necessary proportion of healthy recreation to liquid refreshment, a period of not less than half an hour shall be devoted to each or any of the games mentioned, both before and after the consumption of every half-pint of alcoholic liquid.

And from that it will be but a simple step to the abolition of the drink itself—which, as the "Express" has reminded us, is only mere.

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However, it's all in the cause of national defence. The latest news is that Germany is thinking of going dry. Fitness, I understand, is the object.

She will continue to export her wine, so that her rivals shall become demoralised and decadent, while she herself grows ever more Nordic and strong, poor thing.

Shall Britain be behind in Fitness? Shall others surpass us in the achievement of Strength Through Gloom?

Never! James, empty this gentleman's glass.

On the contrary, their views have been endorsed even by those who oppose their decision. No less, populi a vox than the "Daily Express," advocates "healthy recreation" in pubs to prevent them from becoming "mere drinking dens."

This is not opposition, this is agreement. The beaks say you mustn't play darts because it encourages drinking. The "Express" says you should play darts because it takes your mind off drinking. Both accept the major fallacy—that drinking is bad.

Both sides of the argument are committed to the curious theory that the longer a man remains in the pub, the greater the dangers of his getting drunk. This view of the relation of the time-factor to alcoholic content is palpably erroneous.

One of the things that distinguishes men from the lower animals is that the latter, having no souls, drink solely from utilitarian motives. As a result, their rate of absorption is constant.

Only homo sapiens shows a variable rate of intake. He can sip it, or he can knock it back. He can spread a pint of mild over a couple of hours, or he can mop up a brace of snappy snifters in as many seconds.

To estimate the effect by the time spent on the premises is to ignore the wide difference in potency between the leisurely and innocuous bitter and the stiff, short snort.

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The main fallacy of this attitude, however, is summed up in the significant phrase—"mere drinking dens." By what perverse standard of values is drinking to be regarded as mere?

And if mere, why den?

To talk thus is to ignore the paramount social purpose of the pub. It is to dismiss as negligible that which is the ultimate object of civilisation—social intercourse.

Even if men did not go to pubs solely for the purpose of absorbing soothing liquids, the existence of such establishments would be justified in a vale of tears. But they do not. They go to commune with their fellows. Is this mere?

Beware these fretful fusspots. Take warning of these gloomy men who prattle of healthy recreation. To them, companionship is mere. They see no recreative purpose in laughter and talk, in argument and the telling of a tale. Such are not fit occupations for the citizen. They would have him play games.

To them, the friendly and convivial hostelry is a place where only gloomy tipplers sit mute, soaking themselves to death and [illegible] of reason or flows of soul, but only the sorrowful sozzlings of silent sots.

Talking Points

As the saying goes so does the reputation.

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Old flames are apt to flare up when turned down.

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Members of the younger generation are alike in many disrespects.

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Will Chamberlain Cry Halt?

THE Duce and Hitler have given the answer of the Axis to President Roosevelt's appeal. It will have nothing to do with the conference he proposed.

No one will feel surprise at those rejections least of all the President himself. He showed what he expected when he sent his fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific front.

His Note was not the most flattering of invitations. It was a challenge, which bluntly placed on the Fascist Powers the whole responsibility for the terrors and miseries that afflict the nations. It was evidently designed to serve two purposes.

First, to enlighten American opinion and rally it against the guilty Powers, which will now put themselves doubly in the wrong by their refusal to search for peace at the president's round table. In the second place, it is an encouragement to the pacific nations and a warning to the Axis.

The man who wrote these eloquent pages will not be tied by the pedantry of any rules that prescribe a colour-blind neutrality. He has taken his stand.

Then is peace assured because the President has spoken? To draw that inference would be to exaggerate his power. The Axis was not playing for American applause when it grabbed Bohemia and Albania. The chess-board that it watches lies nearer to its frontiers.

Its horizon is limited to the range of a fast bombing plane. Its eyes, when it reckons how much more it may dare, are fixed on Downing Street.

Is that institution still bent on "appeasement," or will it really, next time, resist, and, if so, with what forces?

Same Old Game

This is a question that concerns us as closely as it concerns Adolf Hitler. For if there is no doubt about the resistance, and if the forces that Downing Street can muster amount to a formidable and closely knit coalition, then we may hope for a period of peace.

If, on the other hand, the Fuehrer and the Duce doubt the sincerity of Mr. Chamberlain's will to resist, or if they question the solidity and strength of the group of Allies he is assembling, then it is more than probable that they will continue the game of grab on an even bolder scale.

If they should overestimate the patience of Britain, we shall have to face war half-prepared, at the head of a sorry team of Allies.

At the moment we can only say with certainty that the usual apparatus of intimidation is being made ready with all the usual publicity. Both Powers keep their armies half-mobilised.

The Duce has reinforced his means of attack in Libya and in the islands of the Aegean. He has seized the strategical keys of Albania. He has brought Franco definitely into the ranks of the Axis, with all the ports and islands of Spain.

His shock-troops, reinforced the other day, are still on the spot. Round Gibraltar the guns that can command its harbour are in position. A German fleet is on the coasts of the Peninsula.

What Of Danzig?

How, then, does it stand with our will and capacity to resist "next time?" That phrase admits of an elastic interpretation.

Since the Czech Republic was destroyed, the Fuehrer has taken Memel and the Duce Albania. These provocations met with no resistance.

On the latter occasion, Mr. Chamberlain explicitly kept alive his treaty of friendship with Italy, though that power had broken three of its articles—by retaining its troops in Spain, by doubling its garrison in Libya, and by the annexation of Albania.

After this record no one can be sure what would amount to a "next time." Would Downing Street be stirred to action, for example, if Hitler were to appropriate Danzig? Probably not, for there are reasons for believing that this case was excluded from the guarantee given to Poland.

It may be argued that Danzig is like Memel, a German city which ought never to have been separated from the Reich. That may be true, but one cannot treat each of Germany's acts and demands in isolation from the rest.

The Power that destroyed the Czech Republic has no rights. By that crime it outlawed itself. Before Hitler walks into Danzig he must walk out of Prague.

The same principle applies to Mussolini. He may address before long to the French and ourselves demands of which some may be in themselves not unreasonable. We might bargain with him when he evacuates Albania.

The "Big Three"

Apart from this doubt if Downing Street will draw the line "next time," there are other tests by which Hitler on his side, and we on ours, may try its sincerity.

> **H. N. BRAILSFORD** says the test of the Premier's will to resist lies in his willingness to join forces with Russia.

If it meant business, would it still refuse the co-operation of the three former Ministers of its own party who have revealed the perils of "appeasement"—Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden, and Mr. Duff Cooper?

Would it be content with a substitute for a Ministry of Supply, which can exercise no effective control over industry?

It faces an enemy who for five years has organised the whole of his economic life on a war footing, yet even now if hesitates to arm itself with the full powers essential to defence. It allows this enemy, about whose intentions it can have no illusions, to import from the Empire supplies of rare but essential minerals, without a thought of stopping them.

The searchlights and the planes cruising over London remind us nightly of our peril; but the ships that carry nickel to the German arsenals sail unimpeded from Canadian ports.

Or again, while a part of the German fleet sets out for Spanish ports, why do we hesitate to send, "for purposes of training," a part of our fleet to the Baltic?

If war should come, that sea will be closed, as it was in 1914, and it will then be too late to talk of protecting the Scandinavian and Baltic States, or of helping Russia.

Turkey And Russia

These are pertinent questions, but the real test turns on the formation of the coalition with which at need we propose to resist the Axis.

These allies may well alarm us, but will they intimidate Hitler? Greece, Rumania, Poland — only the last of them has an army that could stand up to German troops. Nor do they form an effective coalition, for they are under no obligation to help one another.

Turkey, which has a gallant army, may perhaps enter the group, but, for some reason she hesitates. Is it because Russia, with whom, since Ismet Inono came into power, the relations are again peculiarly intimate, is not yet within it?

Until the Soviet Union is included, on terms of equality and without reserves, our coalition is a series of liabilities rather than a defensive asset.

No one who knows Rumania's past record or her present condition would maintain that she could withstand a combined German and Hungarian attack, which the Bulgarians also might assist.

To suggest that Russia may be graciously permitted to send planes and munitions to aid Rumania and Poland but must send no troops, is to add a political blunder to a technical miscalculation.

Rumania cannot defend her oil wells without the aid of the Red Army, nor could Poland, ill-equipped and without natural barriers, resist indefinitely the resolute attack of massed armies.

Far East Danger

The reason for this restriction ranks with the supremer follies of [illegible] Warsaw and Bucharest, with London assenting, refuse the support of Russian troops at the bidding of political prudery.

As in Spain, so in the East, prejudice is for our rulers a stronger motive than self-preservation. To invite Russia on these terms is to tell Hitler that our coalition will work with half a heart, and will be lamed from the start by mutual suspicions.

Downing Street forgets, moreover, what Washington remembers —that Japan is an active member of the Axis. If we continue to cold-shoulder Russia, on what friend can we rely in the Far East?

The conclusion stares us in the face. When Mr. Chamberlain has really made up his mind to resist "next-time," he will join France in an unlimited alliance with Russia. When that happens, we shall be in no doubt about it. Lord Gort will fly to Moscow.

An alliance will have no deterrent effect on Hitler, until the chiefs of the British and French armies sit down round a map with the chiefs of the Red Army.

War Unless —

If Parliament is content with less this this it is behaving like a sentry who sleeps at his post.

Five weeks have passed since Prague was occupied, and nothing has been done to give this alliance reality. It will emerge from the clouds of indecision only when the soldiers meet.

On a realistic view, why, then, should Hitler and Mussolini hesitate? They face an irresolute and unprepared opponent.

They will present their fresh demands, or snatch their prey under our eyes, when their ships reach their stations. Then, if they have measured our rulers' insincerity to a nicety, they will enjoy another Munich.

But if they should go a shade too far, there will be war. The one hope of an honourable peace is to send a responsible soldier to Moscow.

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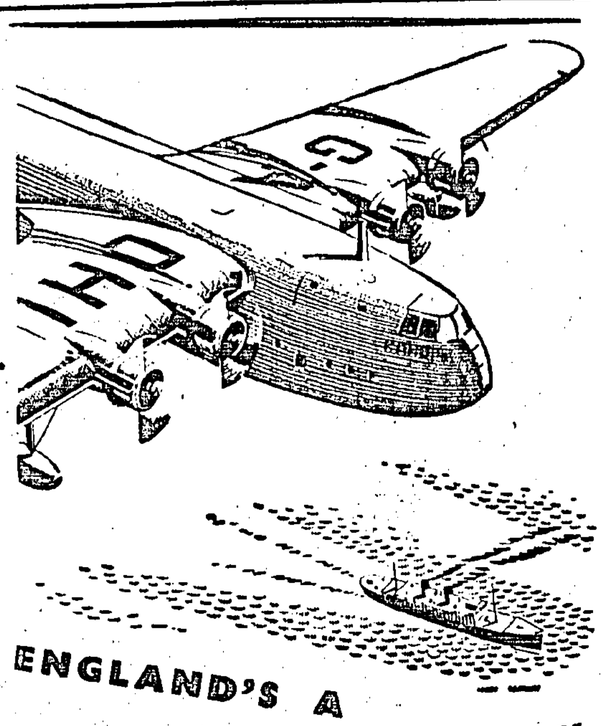

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In This Matter, As In So Many, Sound Policy Coincides With Sound Ethics

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

THE reign of terror which the Nazi Party have established in Germany and which has been extended to every country that falls under German domination has created a new problem for the rest of the world. There are some hundreds of thousands of homeless people whose crime is either that they have held political opinions of which Herr Hitler does not approve or that they have running in their veins the blood of the race which gave us the Bible and which is the object of Herr Hitler's undying hatred. When the history of this dark period comes to be written and the relapse of so large a part of Europe into barbarism is recounted, other nations will be largely judged by the attitude that they adopted towards the victims of the new persecution.

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Familiar Tags

THE ordinary Englishman, kind hearted but unimaginative is inclined to shrug his shoulders and exclaim: "It is all very terrible but it is not our business. We have our own unemployed to think of first; charity begins at home. Am I my brother's keeper?" With these familiar tags he salves his conscience and goes on his way. When recently one small party of refugees, who had succeeded in reaching England, were carried shrieking back to the aeroplane for deportation, the easy consciences of Englishmen received a sharp twinge, which was however satisfactorily relieved on the following day when it was reported that this particular party had after all been allowed to remain. But this case was not an isolated one and every day the press reports incidents which ought to be read with horror. This article is mainly concerned with conditions in Britain. But I believe the situation in other countries is very similar. Some days ago there was a case at Hove in England. A former sergeant in the Vienna Police, aged 41, who had been sent to a concentration camp when the Nazis occupied Austria for the crime of having faithfully served the old regime, and who on being released had walked from Vienna to Antwerp and subsequently reached England, was sentenced by the Mayor to 14 days' imprisonment and recommended for deportation. It was not even suggested that he had committed any other offence than that of being born a foreigner. This is a curious comment on the eloquent appeal which Lord Baldwin addressed to the British Nation a few months ago when he said: "I plead to you for the victims who turn to England for help. They may not be our fellow subjects but they are our fellow men. The honour of our country is challenged, our Christian charity is challenged and it is up to us to meet that challenge." The reply to that plea is 14 days' imprisonment to be followed by deportation.

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Wholly False Belief

IGNORANCE is more often the cause of wrong doing than evil mindedness and the present policy with regard to the treatment of refugees is based in most countries on ignorance. People believe and it is not unnatural to believe, that the amount of employment in one country is fixed and limited and that every job that is given to a foreigner means the loss of a job to an own native subject. This belief is wholly false, as was the earlier belief, firmly held by the vast majority of the population, that the introduction of machinery, by which the work of many men was performed by one machine, must inevitably produce a diminished demand for labour. It seemed obvious but it was not true. The result of introducing machinery has been an enormous increase in the demand for labour and in the population. An increase in the population, however produced, increases the demand for goods and therefore increases production, wealth and employment.

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Cause And Effect

THE British Home Secretary stated in the House of Commons last December that 11,000 refugees had been settled in Great Britain and as a result about 15,000 workers had been employed who would not otherwise have been employed. Throughout history until the present time England has always welcomed to her shores those who were flying from persecution and she has always been well rewarded for the welcome that she gave. A volume might be written on the contribution that refugees have made to the development of British industries. Now for the first time this policy is reversed and these homeless people are sent to prison and then driven back to torture and death.

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Population Problem

THERE would possibly be some excuse for such a policy if Great Britain were already faced with the problem of over population and if the continued increase of it was likely to cause grave embarrassment in the near future. The opposite is unfortunately the case. In a work entitled *The Population Problem* by Mr. T. H. Marshall, it is stated that if the present decline in population continues Great Britain will, within the lifetime of people now living, be reduced to nearly half her population, which will after that go on declining until it becomes extinct. The author writes: "The only things that can stop it are a return to larger families than we have to-day or great and continued immigration from abroad. Either or both of these can save this country from ultimate depopulation which nothing else can. Exaggeration is unnecessary when truth is so startling."

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Criminal Lunacy

IN the face of scientific facts like these, the policy of turning away useful, able-bodied, hard working, honest immigrants is a policy of criminal lunacy. While Britain is chasing these people from her shores, we are at the same time going through the slightly humiliating process of holding meetings all over the country at which leaders of public opinion implore British fellow citizens to fill up the gaping gaps in the defences. Over 200,000 men are needed in the Territorial Army and there is in fact no hope of obtaining them so long as Great Britain adheres to the voluntary system which the present Government refuse to abandon. There are thousands of refugees longing to come to England and to serve her as soldiers or in any other capacity. Throughout history, in every country, exiles have made the best soldiers. There is no finer regiment in the French Army than the Foreign Legion, which is largely recruited from Germans.

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A Foreign Legion

When I suggested in the House of Commons that a foreign legion should be formed in Great Britain, the only reason that I was given why such a suggestion could not be adopted was that a foreign legion would not be suitable for service in India or the Colonies. That was in fact no reason at all. With the large increase of British military establishment which has now been decided upon it will plainly be unnecessary for every Unit to do a term of foreign duty. Great Britain and also some other great countries are in urgent almost desperate need of man power at the present time. Scientific enquiry proves that that need is going to increase rapidly and that the declining population may prove disastrous. Yet the great countries, just as Britain, are refusing to admit the stream of immigrants, which they have always benefited from in the past, and which they have greater need of now than they ever had before.

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Charity Should Not End

IN this matter, as in so many, sound policy coincides with sound ethics. If it were not so, the ethical argument ought still to outweigh the political. Even if it meant imposing a burden on an over burdened people, even if it meant a few more living on the Dole and slightly higher rates and taxes, even so it would surely be the duty of a country that has so long had the enviable reputation of being a home for the wanderer and a haven for the persecuted, to maintain that reputation in a period when there are more wanderers and more persecuted than ever before. Charity should no doubt begin at home but it should not end there for if it does it is likely to lose the quality of charity altogether and to become self interest. The cry "Am I my brother's keeper?" was the excuse of the first murderer and the reply to it throughout the ages has been a thunderous affirmative.

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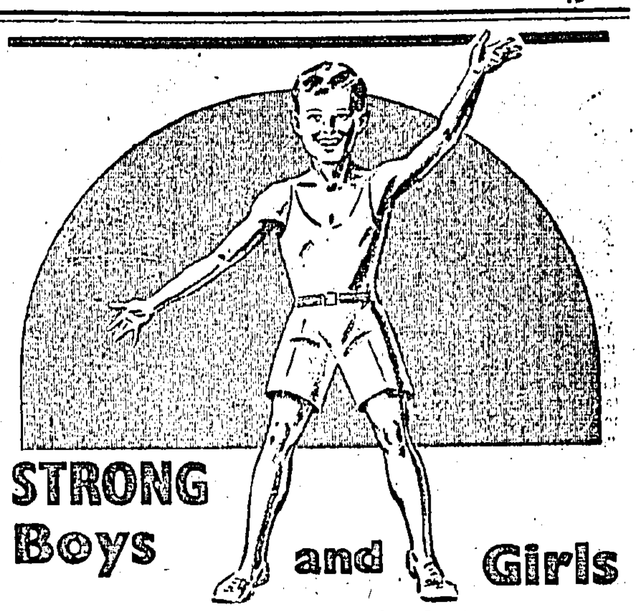

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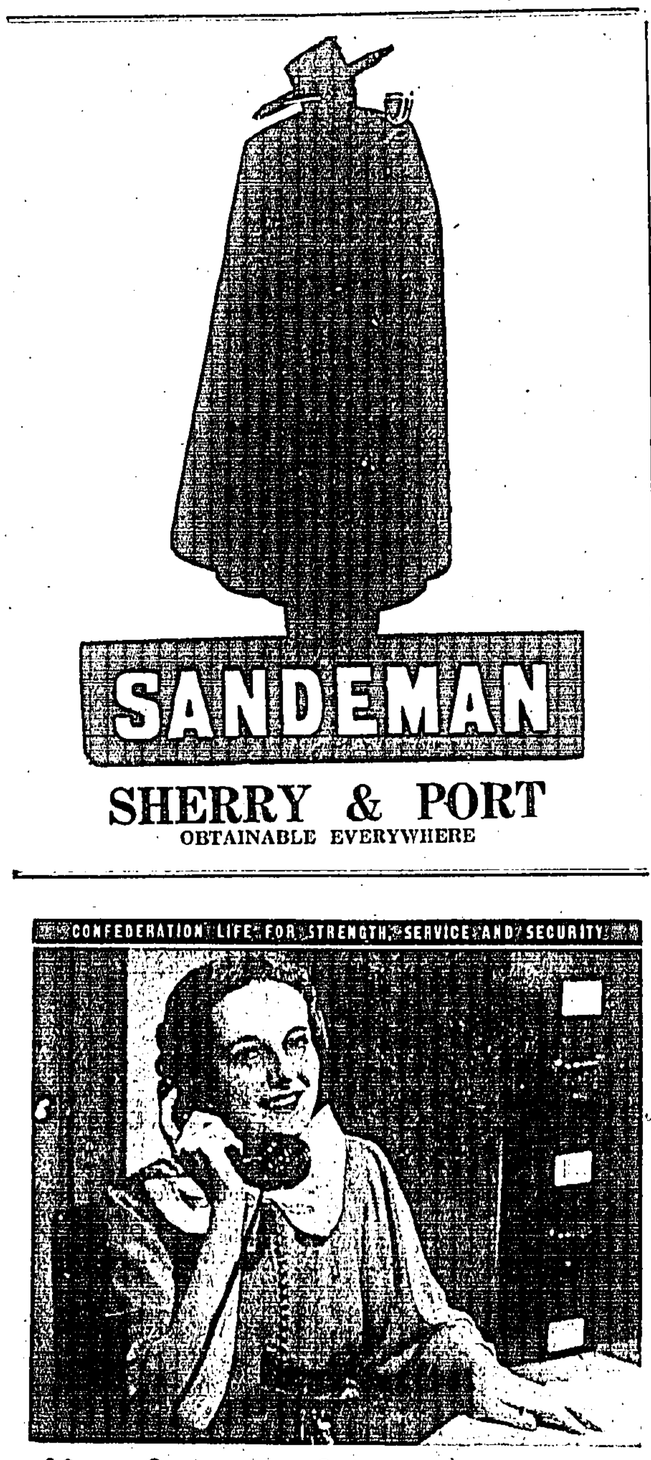

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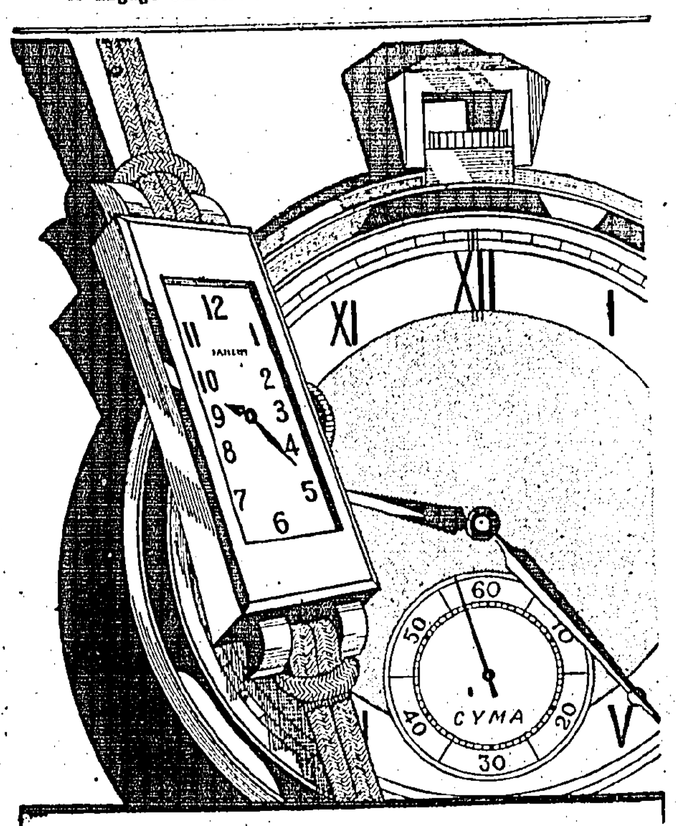

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JAPAN'S DECISION

FAILURE of German diplomacy to draw Japan into an agreement turning the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance against the democracies comes as no great surprise. The implications are not for that reason lessened in importance.

Repercussions may be expected in several spheres. Japan has long been accusative concerning Germany's dealings with China. The changing mood in Tokyo official quarters, while apparently repudiated by the new demands in Shanghai and the increasing naval activity against foreign shipping, has long been observed as inclined towards patching up existing differences with the Western Powers.

The first public bid for a better Anglo-Japanese understanding was made by the new Japanese Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, some weeks ago at a banquet in London shortly after he took up his duties. There has been no immediate response, for Japanese aggression against British and French interests in the South China Sea has been increasing, and Japanese business interests have declared themselves ready to test the army's injunction that they had but to follow up the soldiers' victory in China to recoup their export trade losses and to compensate themselves for straitened import restrictions.

The prospects held out for the dawn of the "new order in East Asia" are however not quite so rosy as Japan would have the rest of the world believe.

British policy has definitely stiffened against Japanese violation of commercial treaties in China, and especially of the Nine-Power Treaty, and American resentment has become steadily more demonstrative — not so much because of Japanese bolts appearing on the closed Door, but as a response to rising Japanese press enthusiasm for an open alliance with the Nazis against the Democracies.

In plain words, the game of baiting the Democratic Powers, of extracting concessions under the threat of war, may be coming to an end, alike in the Far East and in Europe.

Germany may now be less reliant than formerly upon oversea sources for essential raw materials; but Japan is more than ever dependent upon her maritime trade; and Tokyo realises that for Japan to enter a world war on the side of the Berlin-Rome Axis would automatically cut off all Japanese seaborne commerce.

AGAINST TUNNELS

DEFINITE rejection of the general principle of deep bomb-proof shelters for Hong Kong to accommodate large numbers of people may be read into official statements on the subject.

Primary factor is, of course, the colossal cost, but there is also the realisation that such a policy could not be carried out in less than two years, and, furthermore, since the probable warning of an air raid is timed at five to ten minutes, at the most, it would be impossible for "focal centres" to be reached by those for whom they were intended, and the rushing crowds would make a terrible target for bombs falling in the open street.

The official policy, therefore, is to rely, first, upon people retaining their nerve, and staying in their own homes, which they should strengthen where possible, especially if there is a basement which could be strutted; secondly, upon sandbags to render as many buildings as possible as near blast-proof as possible; and thirdly, on the provision of trenches for those caught away from their homes or offices.

There are, of course, areas where sufficient trenches cannot be provided in adequate numbers. For this purpose, the proposal is to provide accommodation in public buildings which would be defended so as to give protection against blast and splinter.

Greatest protection, in the remote possibility of such an emergency, is absence of panic.

THIS WEEK

Movements among the complexity of pieces on the European political chessboard warrant the closest and most earnest study. They have not improved the position from the viewpoint of the Democracies or of peace. Elimination from the board of M. Litvinoff furnished a sharp shock and if the full effect is not altogether apparent yet, there remains cause for considerable apprehension. Germany has concentrated on the pawn position, seeking to neutralise (while it suits her purpose) the position in Northern Europe and among the Baltic States, with immediate success, while a deep game is being played at the Balkan end which has Britain at its wit's-end to counter.

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The German jibe, hailing the agreements with Latvia and Esthonia as examples of Nazi dynamism while Britain languidly tries to argue herself out of clear commitments vis-a-vis Russia, is not without its justification. Mr. Chamberlain, under the continual badgering of the House, which is convinced on all sides of the urgent necessity of an understanding with the Soviet Government, complained of misrepresentation and insisted that the negotiations were being pushed ahead with the utmost despatch. The Soviet's proposals were received last week-end, were discussed at a Cabinet meeting on Monday, again at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, and on Friday it was announced that Britain's instructions to Sir William Seeds would be despatched "very shortly." There is prodigality with time here which is far from encouraging.

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Suggestions that Britain's new offer to the Soviet Government constitute a rejection of Moscow's proposals may, of course, be dismissed. To share mistrust of the Premier's capacity to meet the international situation in the way circumstances demand is not to accuse him of defiance of public opinion and ideological prejudice. Reuter says the reply will be of a nature which will preserve the principle of the Soviet proposals and take into account the views of the essential associates. On its face value, this means that Poland and Rumania still shy at Soviet inclusion in a composite scheme, and that Britain's main objective is to achieve agreement with the Soviet which will satisfy all suspicions.

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Colonel Beck's statesmanlike speech met, in Germany, the reception that might have been expected. Poland insists on her legitimate rights but is prepared to negotiate Danzig and Corridor questions, fully aware that they constitute a serious danger to German-Polish relations. The Nazi attitude is just as wholeheartedly intolerant as it was towards the Roosevelt initiative, and movements of troops northwards from Munich — even before the speech was made—demonstrate that the crisis is far from reached. Italy has been squirming with discomfort. That Rome has strong reluctance to be dragged into war over Poland is illustrated by the appeals to Poland to be "reasonable." Ribbentrop met Ciano in Rome yesterday to convince him regarding on what side "reason" lies.

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Ribbentrop's talks with Count Ciano will doubtless embrace the net result of Axis diplomacy in the last few days. In turn, Rumanian, Hungarian and Yugo-Slavian Ministers have passed through both Berlin and Rome. Hints that Hungary will conclude a customs union with Germany and that Yugo-Slavia will join the anti-Comintern Pact have emerged. Only M. Gafencu has kept wholly to himself the results of his European tour, but the Nazi sally: "Britain is offering independence to Rumania at five and a half per cent," does not suggest that Germany, at all events, obtained the fullest satisfaction from his visit.

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In deference to the challenge of Mr. de Valera, Mr. Chamberlain announced on the second reading of the Military Training Bill that conscription would not be applied in Ulster. The concession neither pleased Ulster, nor the Labour Opposition in Britain, which continues to maintain the position that the voluntary system has not failed. Mr. Hore-Belisha's figures showing over 3,000 Regular Army recruits and over 80,000 Territorial enlistments, in a month, could hardly be employed to the discomfiture of the Labour spokesmen. As, however, Mr. Chamberlain has made up his mind, after a very long time, the prospect of a change now is inconceivable.

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Behind the opposition is the instinctive fear that conscription of man-power in one form may lead to conscription of labour. Already the bogey has loomed. Mr. Keynes is one of the few economists whose views are news. His conclusion now is that Britain's mode of financing defence preparation will shortly transform unemployment into labour scarcity. The argument flowing from this is that if he should be right, those who insist that those out of work at present should be kept in touch with efficiency are lent additional weight. From this again, it is being openly urged that no time should be lost in seeing that training is made a condition of further payments of unemployment insurance benefit. Threat of a Clyde strike over conscription will caution the Government to tread warily before proceeding a stage further.

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The disaster of Chungking was, of course, emphasised by the fact that China's wartime capital, highly vulnerable at the best of times should aircraft break through, was terribly overcrowded. Nothing, however, could minimise the barbarity of the outrage. Whether military objectives existed or not, the Japanese bombers were not concerned with them. Thursday's raid was a deliberate massacre from beginning to end. The raiders dropped a free mixture of high explosive and incendiary bombs, calculated plainly to murder, terrorise and demoralise.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: by Leo Abse

A Law Clerk Looks At Life

THE doors of courtrooms are always guarded by police. Seemingly unaware of the agonising convulsions of outside social life, the archaic forms and procedure are maintained within as from time immemorial. I sit in the well of the court with my fellow-solicitors' clerks, but I am not deceived.

The shamed unemployed husband brought here on a judgment summons dared to buy for his family groceries he could not afford. The red-faced, fat solicitor wheedles and bullies the man, attempts in vain to extract a promise to pay eight shillings a month off the debt.

"Come, come, my man. Haven't you got any sense of responsibility? You knew quite well when you obtained these goods on credit that they would have to be paid for."

The man is stubborn and obstinate in his refusal. He swears that to pay would mean starvation for him and his wife "'cos the kids would have to eat the same whatever."

Those policemen at the door and the isolated dignity of his Majesty's Judge have failed. The world has stealthily crept into the court. Some of the young men around me awkwardly glance at their papers.

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The warped, broken and the frustrated wearily pass through the criminal courts. Yesterday I saw a young man of my own age, before the court on serious charges.

The prosecuting counsel, with a wealth of gesture and sickening verbosity, told the learned Judge and jury how the parents of this young man would agree that their son had been beyond their control for the last year and had even refused for some months to "sign on "at the labour exchange, thereby preventing his family from having £5, which was badly needed.

The tragedy of this youngster could not be hidden under the rhetoric of the counsel, for his was not a personal tragedy. He symbolised the fate of the rising generation of this distressed area.

Down the mine at 15, sacked at 18, and then three years of purposeless, aimless waiting. He had rebelled. First he had refused to endure the humiliations of the labour exchange and then he had turned to crime, to gain dishonestly what society refused him honestly. It was not young Dai who was on trial.

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In a quiet avenue away from the hub of the town are the offices of the solicitors of the district; but there is no peace there. We torment men and women who are in the clutching grip of the moneylender. We shield wily bankrupts and harass working-class tenants. We convey confidentially property of married [illegible] tresses.

Occasionally we play our part in the local poor persons lawyer scheme and gain a hundred pounds for a juvenile factory employee from a reluctant insurance society. All the facts of the case are vague except the terrible disfigurement of the girl.

We defend wealthy, drunken motorists. We draft wills for harsh slum tenement owners leaving their money to animal leagues.

All that we do is according to the laws of England. We are not guilty. We are playing the tune the pipers are calling.

To-morrow I am going to a police court some 20 miles away. I shall pass by hushed pits, squalid valley villages and innumerable knots of staring unemployed men.

The naked mountains shooting up on their side of me cry out for afforestation to cover their shame. The hovels grimly cling to the narrow roads compelling passers-by to know the need for thousands of new houses.

I shall see some of the grey-haired miners over 60 returning from work to their homes, where grandsons of 20 will be sitting in idleness. On my return I shall not forget to look at the castle of the wealthy lord who also lives in idleness.

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Six months ago, before I became articled, I attended University. Learned professors had taught me how law and justice had developed from feudal days to the 20th century. They lied.

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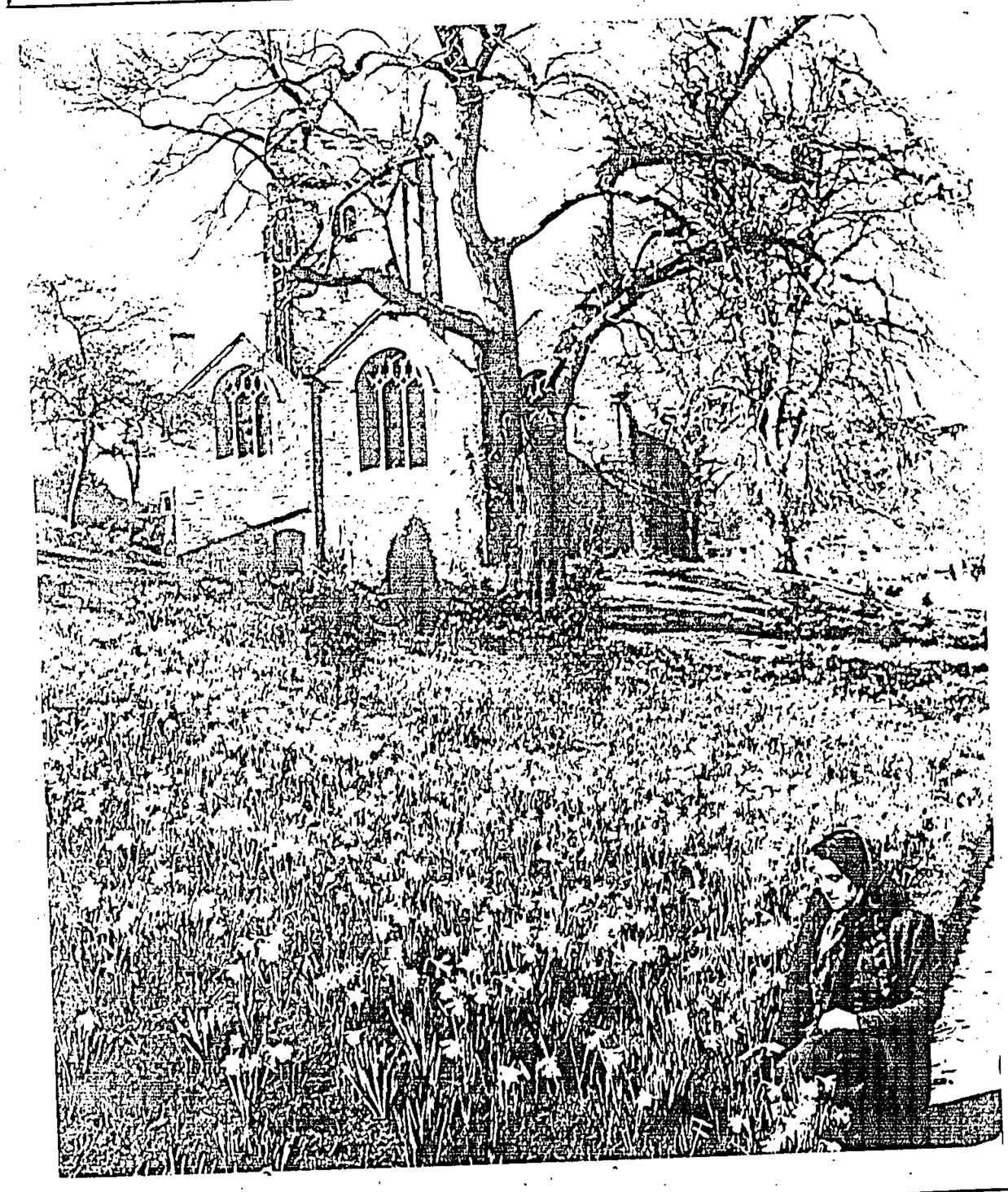

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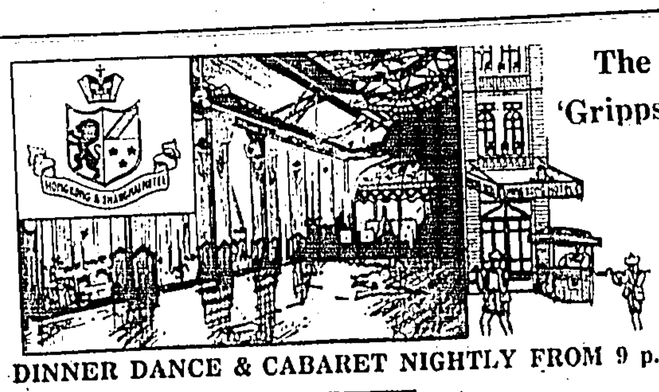

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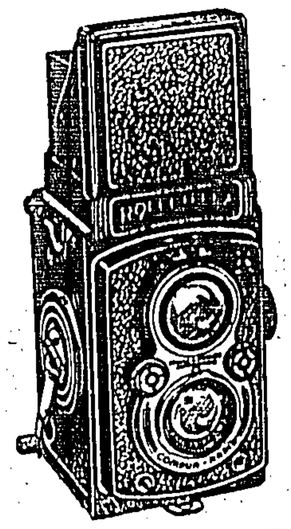

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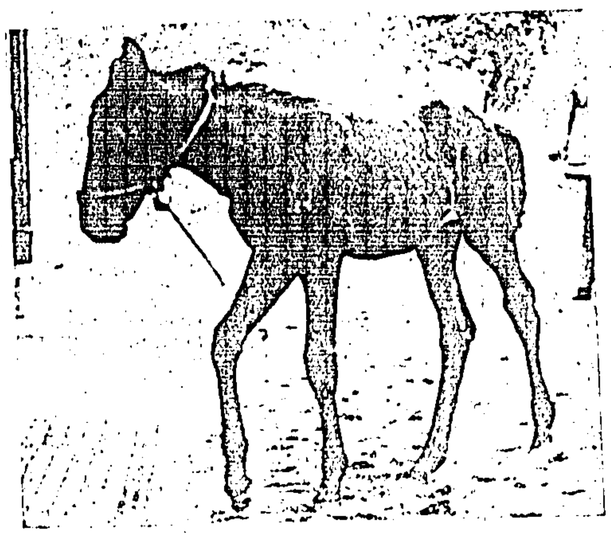
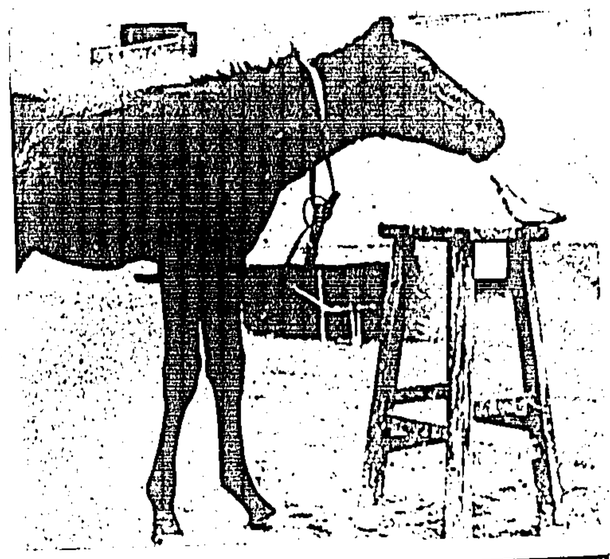
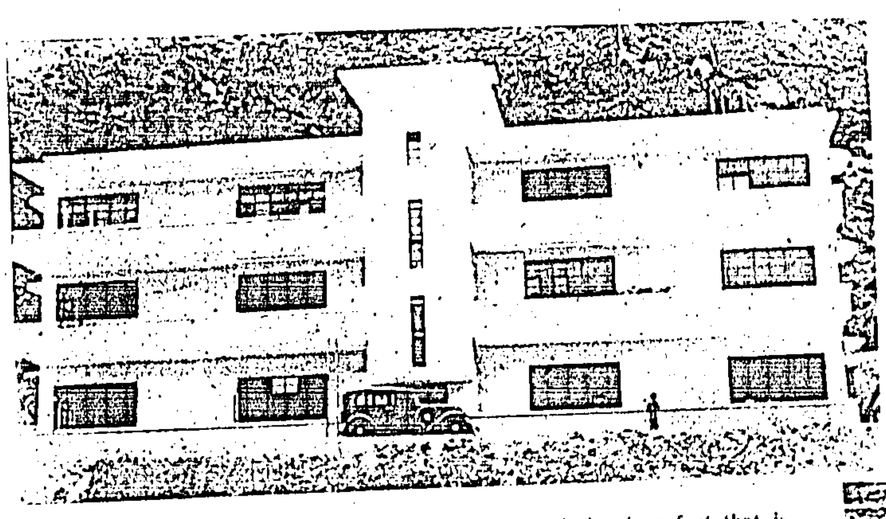




This black filly, born at Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables just over a month ago is being fed with a bottle. Fed every three hours with 2½ bottles of Kennelac, it also has ordinary food and is a sturdy youngster every sense of the word. Above, the filly having a look at its next door neighbour. Top right, caught in the paddock, and at right, contemplating its bottle of milk.



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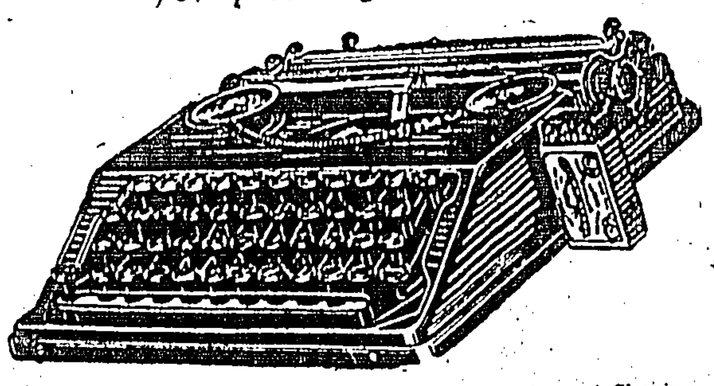

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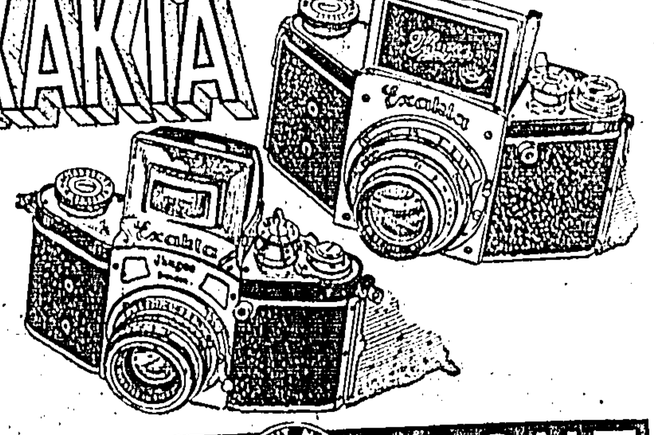

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THE WEEK'S PHOTOGRAPHY

By "Shutter"

A READER has written to ask me to explain the principles of Scheiner, DIN, and H. & D. speeds, and gave the relationship between them. The Scheiner and DIN ratings are based on observing the amount of light action required to produce a just-visible darkening on subsequent development, although the details of testing between the two systems are different. These two systems are sufficiently similar for the one rating to be converted to the other with pretty fair accuracy and it is generally accepted that the Scheiner speed can be obtained by the addition of 10 to the numerator of the DIN fraction (for example, 16/10 DIN equals 26° Sch.).

The H. & D. rating is based on the least exposure required to give correct tonal reproduction, and the resultant speed figures have no necessary relationship whatever to those given by the other two systems. If two plates had sufficiently different

"Puppets" by K. B. Lo.

characteristics, one might appear to be faster than by the Scheiner rating, while the other might seem faster by H. & D. This is an extreme case, however, and so long as the emulsions measured are all of much the same type, the two kinds of speed-measurement do give fairly parallel results.

Converting H. & D. to Scheiner was a bit of a worry. I could not recollect the easiest way of doing this until I came across the process in an obscure corner of my notebook, for which I was very thankful. For modern fast films it is usually best to take the logarithm of the H. & D. speed, multiply it by ten and subtract 3. The result will be around the speed as measured by the Scheiner method.

In those cases where the continental measurement is used, then 8½ instead of 3 must be subtracted, the reason for this being, of course, that the Continental standard of H. & D. markings is different from current in England.

While on this subject I may as well add that the exposure for a film of 31 Scheiner is almost exactly one-third of that required for a film of 26 Scheiner. Each step of one Scheiner degree represents an increase of speed amounting to about 26 per cent. Three such steps mount up to an increase to double speed, five steps to approximately three times, and ten steps mean an increase in speed of ten times.

Some rather varied pictures have come my way for publication this week. The two aeroplane pictures are of considerable interest as I understand that these are shots of the first regular Air France plane to arrive in Hong Kong. It is a pity that an exposure was not made of the entire machine. Had the composition been as favourable as the other two, and had stop and exposure been both correct, it would certainly have been a worthwhile picture to have. Here I should say an attempt has been made to capture the impression of speed and of power, or perhaps travel in the modern sense, and this has been fairly well done, particularly in the print showing the front of the plane. The slightly lower viewpoint has helped considerably in producing an arresting study although it is unfortunate that the camera should have been tilted somewhat to the left.

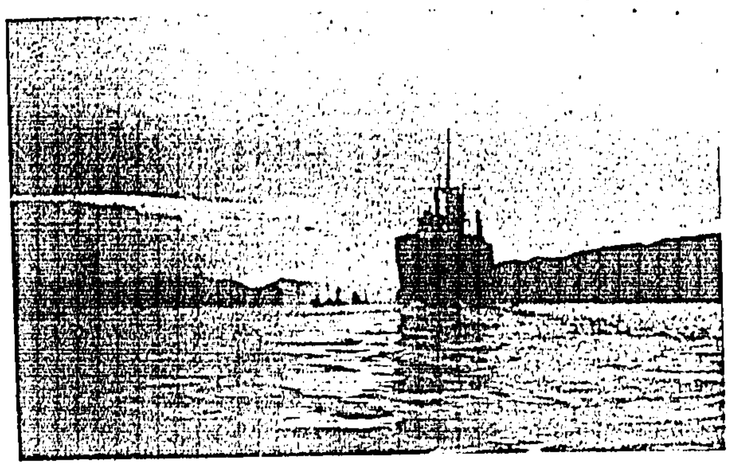
"Fishing" by Mr. K. B. Lo is an attractive print. It has a good centre of interest which is well-positioned, but I think it would have been advisable to have introduced some relief into the expanse of water which occupies a fair proportion of the print. It would be interesting to see another print with some cloud reflections in the water.

ENLARGING

Lack of space last week prevented Figs (5) and (6) from being published. Readers may recollect that the point at issue was whether the enlargement represented the best that could be made of the original. Here, too, I think there is little room for improvement. Fig. (5) is the original print and Fig. (6) the enlargement. I think, however, that the vessel makes the picture somewhat out of balance. It would be interesting to see an alternative enlargement in which the horizon line was brought down to about one-third from the bottom of the print.

STOPS AND DEFINITION

The question has also arisen as to whether actual definition of a good photographic lens is improved by the employment of a smaller stop where definition of an object actually focused upon is concerned. There is really no definite answer to this point, as the answer depends on the design of the lens. I would not say a smaller stop would necessarily improve the resolving power of the lens,



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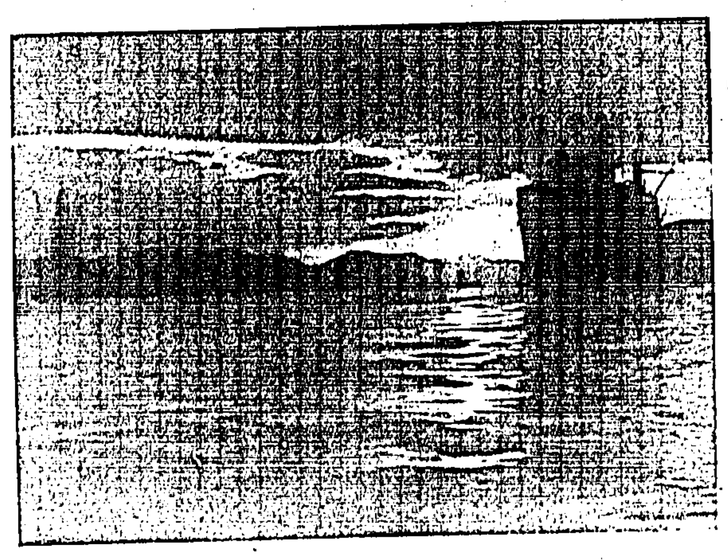
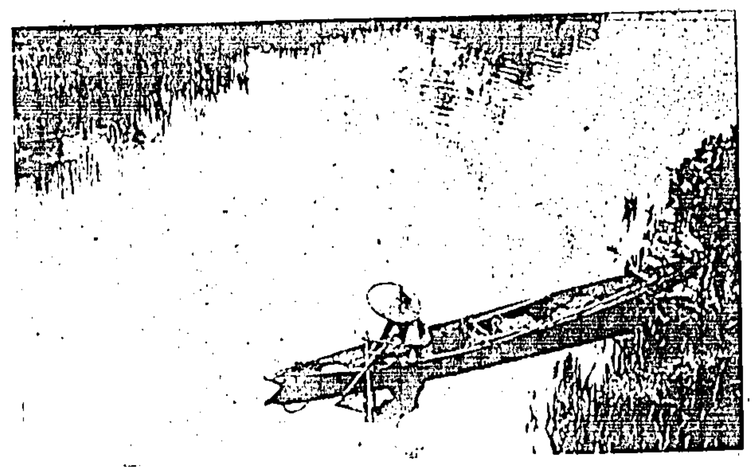


Fig. 6

and there are cases in which the use of a smaller stop makes definition less satisfactory instead of more so. In the case of one wide-aperture lens for a miniature camera for example, the sharpest definition is at an aperture of about f/4.5, either a larger or a smaller aperture reducing—to only a small extent, of course—the resolving power.



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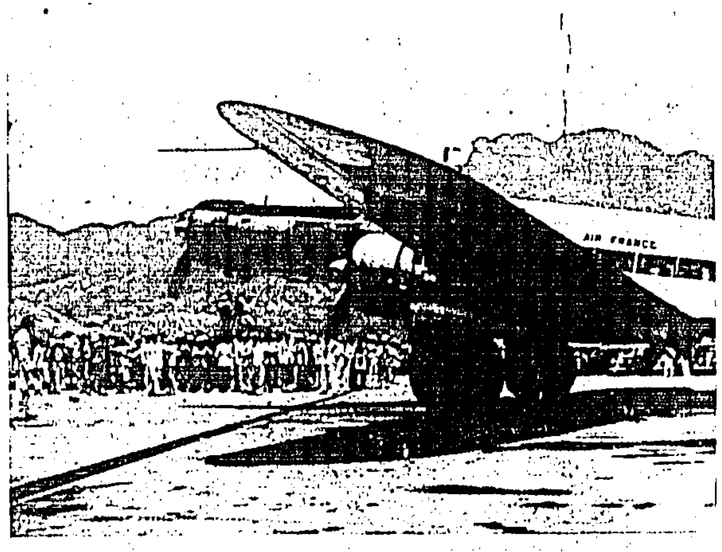

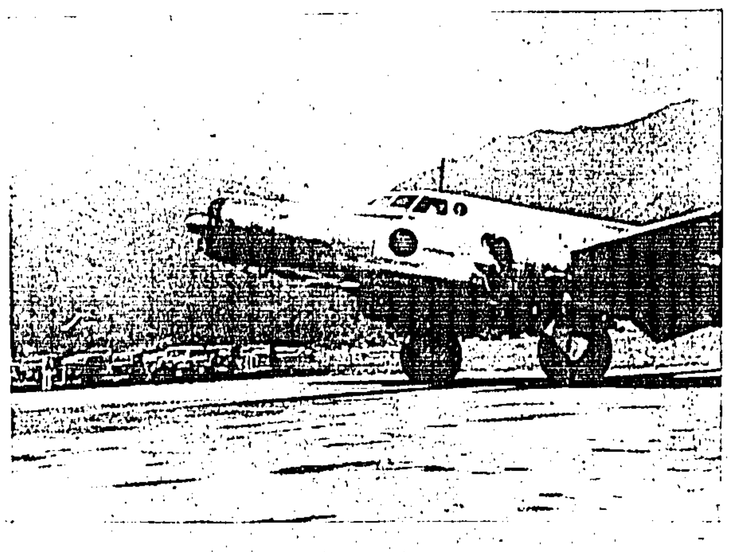

Arrival at Kai Tak of first regular Air France Service 'plane, by A. B. Ritchie.

In The Fashion Swim

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London manufacturers of bathing costumes are vying with each other in an effort to produce this season's snappiest costume. Patterned suits seem to be the most popular and the novel designs include imitations of lizard—like the one seen above—crocodile skin, multi-coloured floral designs and futuristic patterns.

Here is an example of the floral type of suit. Designs are mostly large, and colours brilliant.

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A GREAT ROMANCE might be told about the bath, as we know it to-day. We hardly realise that our tubs, once a luxury, are now as much a part of our daily lives as our food, our work and our play. Without our daily baths, not many of us would feel equal to the task of facing this hurried world each day or evening.

For countless years people of all races, nations and ages have enjoyed baths taken in the fragrance of flowers, herbs and nature's other adaptable plants to relieve fatigue, illness or for some other specific purpose. The foremost of these baths was Pine and this age-old practice has been handed down until to-day, we know and understand its true value. The therapeutic qualities of pine are amazingly high and effective, and its use is now spreading rapidly.

The beauty and fragrance of a pine laden forest, makes it by far the most healthful and invigorating location for sanitariums and hospitals. In Europe, where the value of pine is most appreciated, sanitariums are built high in the mountains, surrounded by the serene peacefulness of Mother Nature and her pine trees.

I will not discuss all of the various ailments that are benefited by pine, but almost everyone knows that cough, colds and other respiratory ailments are treated, the world over, with pine in one or more of its many forms. In rural sections, innumerable homes are equipped with pine pillows which are used when members of the family suffer with colds or spend sleepless nights because of insomnia. In these pillows, nature's own pine needles are used and their value is well known to these rural dwellers.

Pine oil is classified, medicinally, as being slightly irritant and possessing mild antiseptic properties. The irritant qualities excite an unusual circulation of blood and thereby relieve congestions, ease pains and quiet nervous tension.

Warm pine baths relax and dilate the small capillaries in our circulatory system and new blood is brought to portions of the skin where it can seldom be driven by other means. This function also reduces blood pressure in the larger arteries and veins. Pine baths, taken warm or even hot, will often relieve rheumatic pains and muscular soreness. Taken warm before retiring, the relaxing and soothing effects induce peaceful slumber without drugs or other artificial substances.

No one knows the meaning of the word fatigue quite so well as the busy hostess or business woman. To these ladies, in particular, i recommend the bracing tonic of a pine bath. By adjusting the temperature of the water, the length of your bath, etc., you can accomplish in your own home, the benefits enjoyed at the spas of Europe.

In employing the famous European Spa Bath in your home be sure to apply intelligently, the proper method. Plain pine needle oil is not entirely satisfactory for large pools of it collect on the surface of the water and an insufficient quantity adheres to your skin.

By far the best is one of the prepared pine baths, crystals impregnated with a blend of the finer imported pine needle oils. This blend will give the therapeutic value of the oils of the Siberian mountain pines, the fragrance of the deep heart of the Austrian Tyrol and all the advantages of a bath containing oils of other pines, flowers and herbs.

In this busy world of ours, relaxation is an art almost entirely lost. Days are hectic and the society or business woman arrives home late in the afternoon almost in a state of complete exhaustion. Her face is drawn, the sparkle has all but left her tired eyes. She feels fagged out —just ready to curl up.

But does she do it? Usually she does not.

Her first thought is a bath to "pick her up." A quick dip or perhaps only a shower. This "pick up" lasts only a short time and sometimes has no effect whatever. Compare this bath and its results with the Turkish bath and its results. Why do you feel so well and so light after it? Because there, you take the time, from three hours to half a day to follow the routine of the treatments almost religiously and you do get results. So often I have heard women say, "My skin feels so fine and smooth after such a bath!"

That is because your entire body got a thorough scrubbing after the steam had softened the dead outer layer of cuticle, your pores are open, your skin is alive and tingling with vitality. Science has proved that skin health and loveliness depend directly upon the wastes the body breathes through its four million tiny pores. Therefore, it behooves us to keep these pores in a condition that enables them to function properly and eliminate the forty per-cent of the body's waste for which they were intended.

You can accomplish this in your own home by paying more attention to these details and not begrudging the fifteen or twenty minutes they require. The clearer the body is kept, the more active is the elimination of poisons; and the lovelier the skin of the face and neck become.

Life is all too short for some of us. Even the meagre existence we lead in our uncoordinated lives makes us want to live a little more, a little fuller and a little more like the power intended that we live. Therefore I say to you all, into your daily life inject a delicate joy, steal just twenty wasted minutes to revel in a woodsy-piny bath that will completely relax your overstrained body and nervous system and bring you a step closer to perfect health.

Students of the L.C.C. Barret Street, Technical School, in London, are given a thorough training in beauty culture to enable them to graduate to jobs. In the above photograph, one of the students is shown applying an egg mask to the face of another, while the rest of the class looks on. The use of eggs in beauty treatments is an important aid to the skin. Note how the mask is applied with a paint brush. *(Copyright, Fox).*

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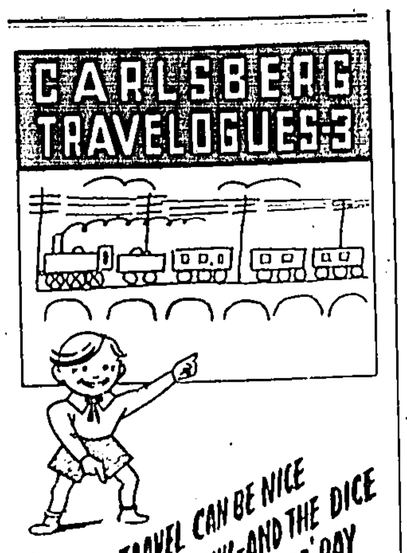

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WILL YOUTH FIGHT?

WAR! What would this generation of young men and women do if war were declared? Their answers show interesting reactions to present-day peace propaganda.

PROBABLY no generation in the history of the world has been so persistently and continuously bombarded with anti-war propaganda as the people of to-day. The speeches of politicians, the action of movies and plays, the radio programmes of peace societies, and the restless pens of numberless writers have been dedicated to the task of tearing away the cloak of glory from the brutal business of war.

What impression has all this made? The only means by which this impression can be measured is to ask young people for their honest opinions as to what they think they would do if war were declared.

The facts suggest that the great majority of male youth would, if called upon, go to war. Over 70 per cent state that they would either volunteer immediately or go if drafted. Twelve per cent would go only if their country were threatened with invasion.

Age seems to be a strong factor in determining "war behaviour." As youth gets older, there is a progressive decline in the number who would immediately volunteer, and an increase in the number who say that they would refuse to go.

The matter of population density also seems to exert an influence. The largest proportion of "potential enlistments" was found among youths living in cities, and the smallest among those living on farms. On the other hand, only a fourth of the city youths say they would wait for the draft, while slightly more than half the farm youths report this is the action they would take.

Perhaps the outstanding difference in the responses of the youths from the various educational levels is reflected in the varying replies of youths from above and below the college level. Twice as large a proportion of college graduates stated they would refuse as those who had completed the eighth grade or less. Moreover, the proportion of youths who would seek official exemption or perform only non-combative service tends to increase with the amount of schooling they received.

It seems quite clear that as youths become older they become definitely more inclined toward independence of action. And, as they receive more schooling, they tend to become considerably more discriminating in their ideas concerning the action they would take in case of war.

How many of these youths would change to other points of view if war were actually declared, no one can say. About all our data tells us is that, after 20 years of high-powered peace propaganda, about eight young men out of every ten state they would fall in line if they were called, while about one in every nine insists that he would refuse to go.

CAVALRY OF THE CLOUDS. England's youth learns to ride the war-horse of the heavens.

A great deal more effective and instructive than any words of ours are those of young people themselves.

"What's the difference? They'd shoot you here if you didn't go, and if you go you have a chance of coming back."

"Got to die anyway . . . may as well enlist."

"Don't want to be called a slacker."

"If I saw a band marching down the street and flags flying, I'd fall in line."

"Any man who doesn't go to war is a coward."

"I'd like to go to war and see how it is."

"I am not patriotic, but I've been waiting to go to a war for a long time. I want to have a bonus coming to me when I get older."

"It's the one way to get a job."

"It would be fun fighting and I'd like to see new places."

"I'd be loyal to my country, even if it was in the wrong."

About a third of the youths would wait for the draft.

"I wouldn't go unless I had to."

"I'd make them pay me before I went."

"They'd have to make me go."

"Wait until the last minute."

I'd be scared to death, but I'd go if drafted."

"No sense jumping into something, to get your head knocked off."

Ten per cent stated they would go if invasion threatened.

"Not to go overseas and meddle in other people's affairs."

"If they started drafting people and sending them oversea, I'd sneak away someplace."

"When they come over here, I'll fight . . . . when it's somewhere else, I'll hide."

About one male youth in every ten said he would refuse to go.

"Better a live coward than a dead hero."

"I'd cut my finger off so I couldn't shoot the gun."

"I'd face a firing squad before I'd willingly go out and shoot people."

"I don't want to be a one-legged man."

"I'd go in the bush till the war blew over."

Life in the Royal Tank Corps is a bit steep sometimes. Look at this chap gripping the turret of his tank, just as you would grip the rail of a switchback railway, as it plunges headlong down a miniature precipice. The tank is one belonging to the 42nd Territorial Battalion Royal Tank Corps which recently carried out exercises on Wimbledon Common. *(Copyright, Fox).*

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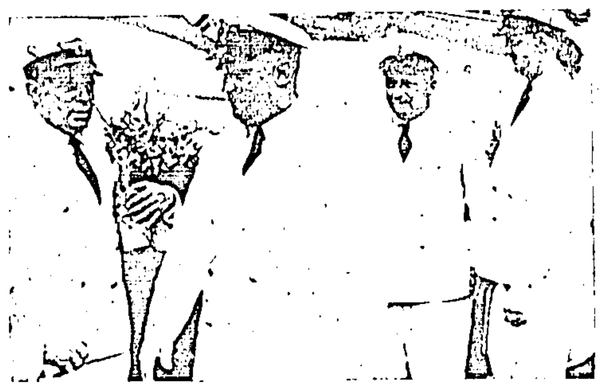
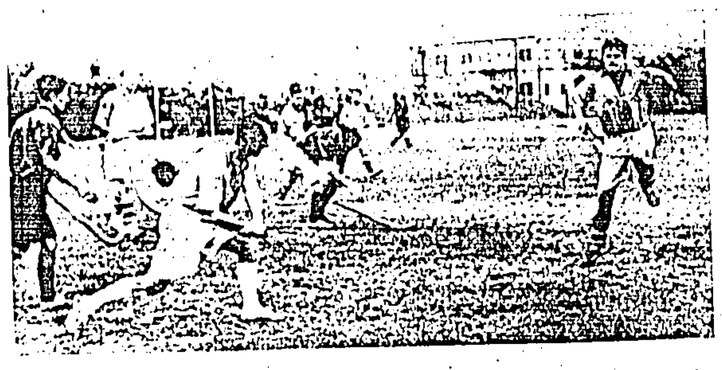
Mr. C. W. Browne, station officer of the Central Fire Station, and his bride, the former Miss M. K. Murray, who were married at the Registry last Saturday. *(Bann's Studio).*

The German Lufthansa Junkers monoplane, which is making a goodwill flight from Berlin to Japan, arrived at Kai Tak Airport last Tuesday, and was greeted by the local German and Japanese communities. The pictures at right and above record the event with (starting from top right), Baron von Gablenz, director of the German Lufthansa Aircraft Company, shaking hands with the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. A. Tajiri, with Mr. A. Gelewsky, Chancellor of the German Consulate in the centre; the monoplane; Baron von Gablenz again with bouquet in hand, and other members of the crew; and (above) three of the four passengers from Hanoi, including Mrs. Holtz, wife of the head of Eurasia in Hanoi.

Action in the Six-A-Side Hockey Tournament at King's Park last Sunday showing S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.) about to pass the ball when tackled by W. A. Reed (Recreio "A"). C.B.A. won this match.



A recent photograph of Major R. D. Walker, manager and chief engineer of the Kowloon Canton Railway. *(Bann's Studio).*



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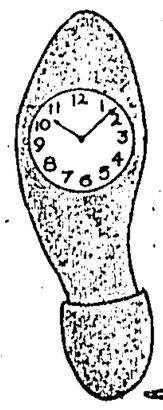

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A group photograph taken in the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys on the occasion of the Ewo League, when the Competitors beat the "Hong Kong Wonders" by 243 pins. Mr. H. Odell, who presented the Ewo Cup on behalf of the League, is seen standing second from the right.

SPORT AND O

A group photograph taken at last Saturday's supper given by the Hong Kong So

In the inter-school championship, Tong Yau-kau (St. Paul's) won the Shot Put event with a distance of 39 feet, 0½ inches. He proved much too good for anyone else, and his throw was nearly two feet better than Crary's (D.B.S.).

The result of last Tuesday's inter-school sports sa challenge of their rivals, Diocesan Boys' School, Shield, and are pi

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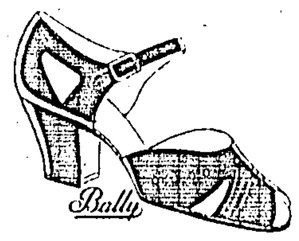

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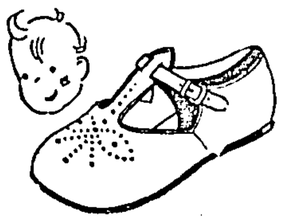

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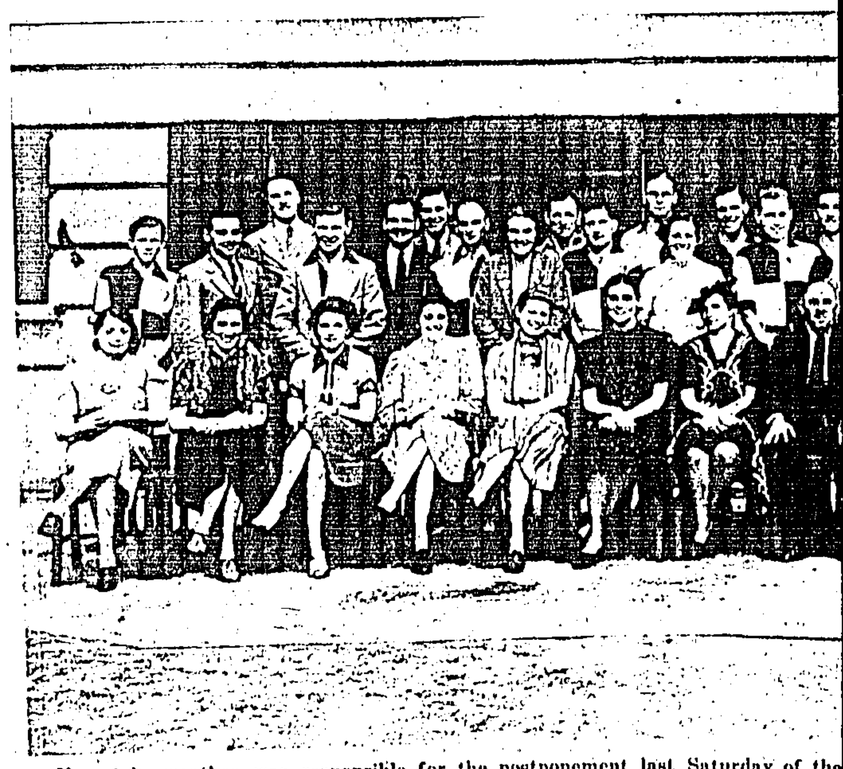


Uncertain weather was responsible for the postponement last Saturday of the day was held regardless of the games, and a large number of

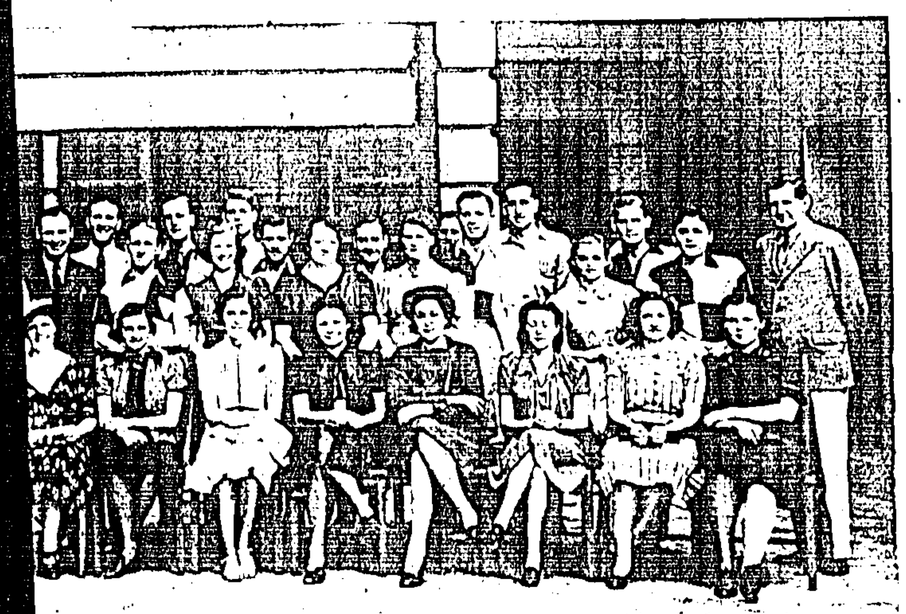
...THER EVENTS

...nce held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, and ...ball League. *(Royal Studios).*

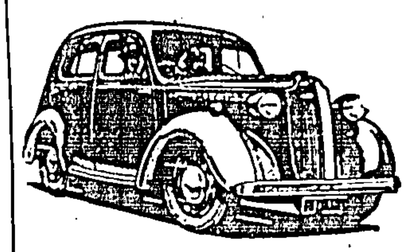
The finish of the 200 metres event in the inter-school sports held at Caroline Hill last Tuesday, showing Ronald Castro (La Salle) hitting the tape ahead of his cousin, Robert. Both played a big part in the success of their school that day.

Salle College emerge victorious, easily overcoming the ...finished second. As a result they won the Governor's ...above with the trophy.

A magnificent effort which broke the record! Kwok Chi-hung (St. Stephen's) clearing 9 feet 11½ inches, in a second attempt to better the record set by a previous competitor, and his first try which equalled this figure.



...I.C.A. close of the season hockey matches, but the tea party planned for the same ...members of both sexes attended, as can be seen from the picture above.



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Do You Play Bad-Mannered Bridge?

There are a lot of things about "social" bridge you won't find in any rule books. An expert reviews the unpardonable sins most of us commit at the bridge table.

HAVE you ever found yourself with a trio of bridge experts, and wondered what the play was they were all silently expecting you to make? Or did you ever find yourself sitting opposite a woman who gigglingly confessed she *never* could remember what was trump, and would you let her have just a teenty-weenty peek at the fourth trick back?

If either of these things has ever happened to you—and a dozen more just as embarrassing and as annoying—you probably belong to that great majority of people who play an average "social" game of bridge.

You don't know the rule books by heart, but you have a few guiding principles to adhere to.

You don't discuss the children during the bidding, but you like to make a few extraneous remarks as the game progresses without being scowled into complete oblivion.

You can't remember every card that's out, but you keep track of the trumps and have at least a general idea of what you're driving at when you make a play.

And you take your bridge with your friends—and their friends—as a diversion. Not as a lifework.

It all sounds terribly simple. But did you ever notice how many times you come home from an evening of bridge feeling anything but social in your outlook? You've glowered at your husband's best customer for not returning your lead, got yourself into that nice-looking new man's bad graces for underbidding, or quarrelled with the spouse of your bosom more violently than you ever intended to in public.

Why?

Because there are a lot of things about "social" bridge you won't find in any rule books. And a mixture of good common sense and courtesy is just as important as a basic knowledge of the game, if you're going to get pleasure out of playing and out of the people you play with.

Of course, you must know the rudiments of the game. That includes the Standardising Code (the majority of people use Culbertson's). You should understand the opening bid, what it means, and what the responses ordinarily expected are. That if you want a suit led, you should play a high card in it, a low card if you don't.

You must keep track of the trumps and, as far as possible, the general play of the cards as they fall. You should know the meaning of a positive and a negative discard, how to keep from blocking yourself in the dummy, and how to make allowances for adverse distribution of cards. You should plan your plays at least two tricks ahead.

You should be able to bid accurately and tell the value of your hand. To know when you can—or can't — stretch to game. That's the danger point of bidding. Don't bid just to "say something" or to "open things up." Every bid should have a specific meaning, and that meaning as simple as possible.

P. E. Sheardon, Canadian bridge expert, believes that in order to make a bridge player, you must have the gambling spirit, tempered with judgment, knowledge, and the power to concentrate. Be willing to take a chance—but know *when* to take it.

Even in the friendliest games, you've got to have some point to work from. So establish a few governing rules that will be adhered to. If you have any doubt about the score, for example, ask you partner *before* the bidding opens. Don't mention it after.

Do you know that you can cheat by the tone of your voice? Just as definitely as though you stacked the deck. *All bids should be made in a monotone.* Consciously or unconsciously, don't denote the strength of your hand by the strength of your voice. Have you ever met the woman who uses the assuring "deep double?" Do you know the player who prefaces her bid with a timid "well . . .?" You can be pretty sure she's out of her depth.

To glare or frown at a player at any time—especially if the wrong play has been made—is not only rude, it's bad bridge. And of course, once a bid is mentioned it can't be taken back. And where a low bid is called when a higher one is required, the higher one is taken automatically. Rules are stricter in tournament play, but this is a good social standard.

What about the *kibitzer* — the outsider who walks around watching the play? It's always a good idea to ask the players for permission to watch. It makes some people nervous. And, of course, no comments on the game while it's in play. Never worry about spoiling a foursome by cutting in. Twenty minutes or so at a stretch is enough for one group, particularly in concentrated play.

Talk if you must, but *not* during the bidding or important plays. Why not make every fourth meeting of the bridge club a straight conversational one, and play cards the rest of the time?

And here's a good hint for hostesses who want their bridge parties to be both entertaining and amiable. Never put husbands and wives together without asking them, as flippantly as you wish, whether they like it. It's amazing the number of otherwise happily married couples who can't play bridge together without quarrelling. They know each other's foibles too well. Don't worry — they'll tell you if they'd rather separate.

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What A Little Gossip Can Do

"My dear, I'm bursting to tell you —" says the gossip, and everybody leans forward to hear the latest story. She's the iron-hand-in-velvet-glove type of home wrecker.

Joan is that subtly destructive type, a woman's woman. It's when the women are alone that our Joan really hits her stride.

"My dear," she says, "I'm simply bursting to tell you—." And like a lot of weak-minded ninnies, the rest of us gather around intently listening.

Joan's is a talent that might have made her a well-paid gossip-columnist, if she had not limited her scope to a suburban town. Joan is the girl who has lines into every good news source in town.

The postmaster is never too busy to tell her that Mrs. Dawson has been coming for her mail, instead of having it delivered, ever since those letters postmarked Brooklyn began arriving. The butcher vaults over fences to let Joan in on the fact that Ellen Springer's extravagance has forced her husband to cut off her credit all over town.

Joan is a perfect listener. She makes quiet, clucking noises at the appropriate time and says, "That's the way husbands are," and "Isn't that too bad," whenever the narrative demands it. Every odd-job man, every cleaning woman knows that Joan is never too busy to stop for a few minutes' chat on neighbourhood affairs. Surprisingly often, these turn out to be neighbourhood love affairs.

Take the case of the Willoughbys. When they first moved out from town, they seemed a devoted couple. Mrs. Willoughby was a little more piquant than the neighbourhood standard; she had white Venetian blinds when the rest of us were using simple window-shades, and she smoked cigarette-sized cigars after dinner.

Joan saw Harry Wilson dance with her a couple of times at the Country Club one Saturday night and he seemed to be enjoying himself a lot. A little later Harriet Willoughby came into the ladies' room with mascara in one of her eyes—at least she said it was mascara, and I saw no reason to doubt it then. I don't now.

That, so help me, was how it started. Within two days after the dance, the story was all over town that Harry had fallen in love with Harriet and that they had the whole thing out on the porch of the Country Club. They had decided to give each other up for the sake of the children, and Harriet cried her heart out in the ladies' room.

Soon, of course, everyone in the neighbourhood became self-conscious about having Harry and Harriet at the same party. Whenever they were together the rest of us sat back and watched. People would stop a sentence in the middle when Harry's wife came into the room. Women were conspicuously nice to Harriet's husband "to make it up to him."

Some hostesses tried not to have the two families together; others, more modern in their views, made a point of leaving the two alone — "to give the poor things a chance."

Of course, it wasn't long before Joan had talked it all over with Harry's wife, and told her the best thing she could do was to go away and let Harry get over it. Like a fool, she did. I suppose that by that time, she had noticed that everyone was pretty self-conscious about Harriet and Harry. She naturally assumed a lot was going on that she had never happened to hear about.

Everybody believed so hard that Harry and Harriet were in love that eventually they began to believe it themselves. It seems incredible, but I believe it was the force of public opinion that finally drove them into their divorces and remarriage.

There was a little pressure here on Mr. Willoughby not to spoil four people's lives.

There was a kind of broad-minded hinting to Harriet that "anyone can see you and Harry were simply made for each other." Harry, by the way, wasn't very hard to take; he was handsomer and cleverer and much richer than Harriet's first husband. I don't believe she put up much resistance to the idea. But it wasn't her idea. It was the idea of that wide-eyed little trouble-maker Joan!

I didn't accuse her of having brought about the whole Willoughby-Wilson mix-up. A thing like that is too intangible to be traced back once it has occurred. But I did speak sharply to Joan, when she told me in horror-stricken confidence that the Strickland boy had been sent home from boarding school for kleptomania.

"Just exactly how do you know that?" I asked.

"Why, my cook knows the Strickland's chauffeur and when he went to get the boy he heard all about it from the servants at the school."

"Backstairs gossip," I said. "And from unreliable witnesses. And at fourth or fifth hand. Joan, did you ever hear of the Slander Laws?"

Joan was very angry. "I am as wretched about it as anyone, I'm sure," she said. "I just thought you'd want to know, so that you could sympathise with the boy's poor mother."

And, of course, there's always a faint possibility that she may be right. You can't march up to a mother and ask her a question like that about her son, just in order to set the neighbourhood talk straight. She'd deny it anyway. Joan's tales are always that kind; it's impossible to face the people involved and learn how far from the truth they really are.

I wonder why it is that such serious and malicious trouble-making as hers goes unpunished by the society in which we live. After all, the damage that can be done by petty larceny, by forgery or counterfeiting is limited to the amount of money involved. But the havoc that a crafty woman's tongue can do is limited by nothing but infinity. And the Joans of the world are never put in jail. The only reason why she and her kind escape unscathed is that hers is a woman's offence and men, who make the laws, are largely unware of what she does.

For a gossip rarely does her stuff in mixed company. It is when the girls are gathered around the luncheon table that her little whispered confidences do their deadly worst. It's when one woman tells another something—"in the strictest confidence" — that the real trouble begins.

Joan is like a medieval troubadour chanting his tall tales and lifting us out of our own humdrum existence for a little while. But the trouble with Joan is that her stories are all about the people we see every day. They affect our relations with them, and they get back to them and make them do a thousand foolish things.

This masculine outfit worn by a punter at Auteuill attracted a good deal of attention. A blue and yellow plaid jacket is matched by a waistcoat of the same material, and the striped shirt may well have been purchased in a mens' outfitting department. A red polka dot tie and hat completes the striking ensemble. *(Copyright, Fox).*

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How To Banish The Blues

You have your ups and downs. They're quite normal. The downs aren't much fun, though, so maybe you'd like to try some of your neighbours' sure-cures for melancholy moments.

EVERYBODY has a cure for a cold. Similarly, almost everybody has a cure for melancholia. But, in case your special little remedies don't work very well, or you'd like to have three or four extra prescriptions, listen to the confessions of those you meet in the street.

The breaking of rules, laws, conventions seems to be a very popular solution to the doldrums problem—but don't let the law catch you. It's hard to imagine a judge being sympathetic when you tell him that you were feeling blue, so you picked up a brick and hurled it through the jeweller's window.

A young girl who goes to an exclusive school, where the reading matter of the pupils is carefully censored, declares that when she is feeling low she sneaks into her room a pile of the jazziest, snappiest, breeziest magazines she can get hold of, and has a wonderful time filling her head with *Honest Confessions* and *Risque Affairs*. By the time the evening is over she turns back to Shakespeare and the required classics with relief.

A clerk in a shoe store asserted that the very best, and, in fact, the only thing to do when you're depressed is to take a drink. But a colleague, fitting shoes on a little boy near by, shook his head and said the only thing to do was to take a walk.

The number of women who pull themselves out of the dumps by marching to the store and buying a new outfit can be counted in the hundreds. It pays for a man to keep his wife in good spirits. If women were happy all of the time the stores would probably go out of business. Some of the ladies even go so far as to specialise.

"If I'm depressed over something definite," remarked one married woman, "something like an argument with my husband then I go out and buy just one thing, a hat, a pair of shoes. But if I'm depressed just on general principles then I go out and buy a whole outfit."

Listening to good music is a sure-fire cure for the dumps for many people.

"I just turn on the radio," said one woman, "and twist the dial until I find something that seems to be in tune with my feelings. It may be jazz, but more often it is classic. It's a never failing relief."

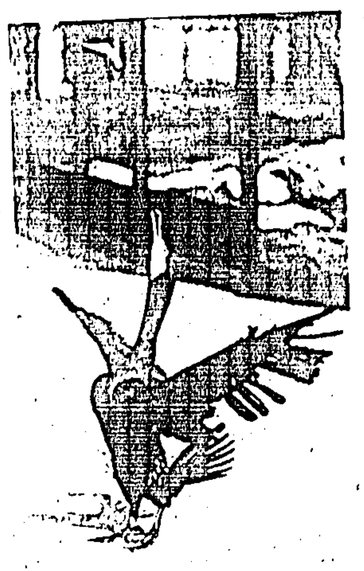
An amateur pianist pulls herself out of a depression by making her own music. She improvises for hours until she feels that she has pounded out all her own frustrations and melancholia.

Incidentally, it is amazing how many people in all walks of life, including college professors, doctors, lawyers and businessmen, get a big kick out of reading the funnies in their favourite newspaper when they are in low spirits.

When you find yourself sitting next to a man at the movies who is laughing his head off at something on the screen that doesn't seem the least bit funny to you — don't be scornful. He's just trying to laugh off a blue spell. Thousands of people go to the movies because they're feeling low.

Psychologists have recently sought to chart the ups and downs of the average human being. They have found that every person has periods of feeling very good and very poor and they declare that in a short while they will be able to predict periods when a normal person will be at his best and at his worst so far as his spirits are concerned.

Just as in the business cycle there must be depressions as well as periods of prosperity, so in the course of every man's daily living there must be ups and downs.



Jack, a cormorant which was picked up in the Thames, was sent to the London Zoo, and after treatment he has grown so tame that he now follows the keepers around. In this snapshot, Jack is rewarded for his devotion with a fish. (*Copyright, Fox*).

Naturally no one enjoys having the blues so everyone tries to cure himself and seeks to pass the time off quickly—in other words deaden the sensibilities until the crisis has passed and high spirits or normalcy, have returned.

Some people find it helpful to alter completely their regular habits in order to kill a blue spell.

Books, of course, have always been a happy retreat. The books selected are as varied as the types of persons who suffer from melancholy. Many prefer magazines for cures. They like the diversity of the subject matter in the current periodicals, and even if they aren't cheered up, at least they manage to pass away the bitter hours. A few enjoy reading biographies when the world is not all that it should be. They like the stories of men and women who have had to endure much before they won their places among the world's great.

Similarly, some people like to read in newspapers about the hard luck of others. The reader, suffering under what had seemed an unbearable gloom, finds himself thinking of these people cheated and wounded by life, and he thinks: "Here I am sitting here feeling sorry for myself, when, as a matter of fact, I have everything in life anyone could ask. I've health, I know where my next meal is coming from. I have my loved ones. Who am I to be depressed? Suppose I had the trouble these poor people have!"

The trick of looking forward to something is used successfully by a young woman who declared that it is the only way to get over a bad moment.

"Whenever I've had to go through some particularly difficult or bitter experience I comfort myself by looking ahead to the time when it will all be over. When I was in college and about to go to a very important examination I would prepare myself by planning out all the things I would do right after the examination was over. 'It's bad now,' I'd say to myself, 'but, in three more hours—you'll be free.' And it works very well, too."

There are quite a few ideas. Maybe you have your own cures that are foolproof for you. But, if you ever get caught in a tight spot—find out what the other fellow does for himself and then, try it out.

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AT ALL GOOD STORES

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Does a Woman Need Brains?

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CAN a woman be successful in life without brains? Is it true that actually she would be *better off* with less grey matter?

My first question, naturally, will concern itself with definition. What do I mean by *success* in a woman's life? My ready answer is that I am not considering here her ability to earn her own living or compete with men, but rather her quest of love and her successful fulfilment of this fundamental instinct.

All women, first and foremost, are creatures of desire, bent on getting their man. Woman is built for love; her entire existence, from childhood up, is fashioned for the art of love. If a woman is not able to exercise her love cravings there is really nothing that adequately can compensate her for the loss.

While love is the outstanding and most persistent urge that woman possesses, this is not true of man. In the masculine gender *ego* must always be reckoned with. Man's quest for love, likewise insistent, is sidetracked again and again by the driving force of this ego.

Woman will sacrifice anything for love—home, relations, fortune, social standing, even honour. Not so man. No matter how strong his love impulses may be, even if they be buttressed by nagging sex fancies, he will always draw the line if his ego is trampled upon, his pride hurt. You may injure a man in his love-life, by stealing his girl, for instance, and he may forgive you; injure his pride, on the other hand, which to him is synonymous with self-respect, and you never will be forgiven.

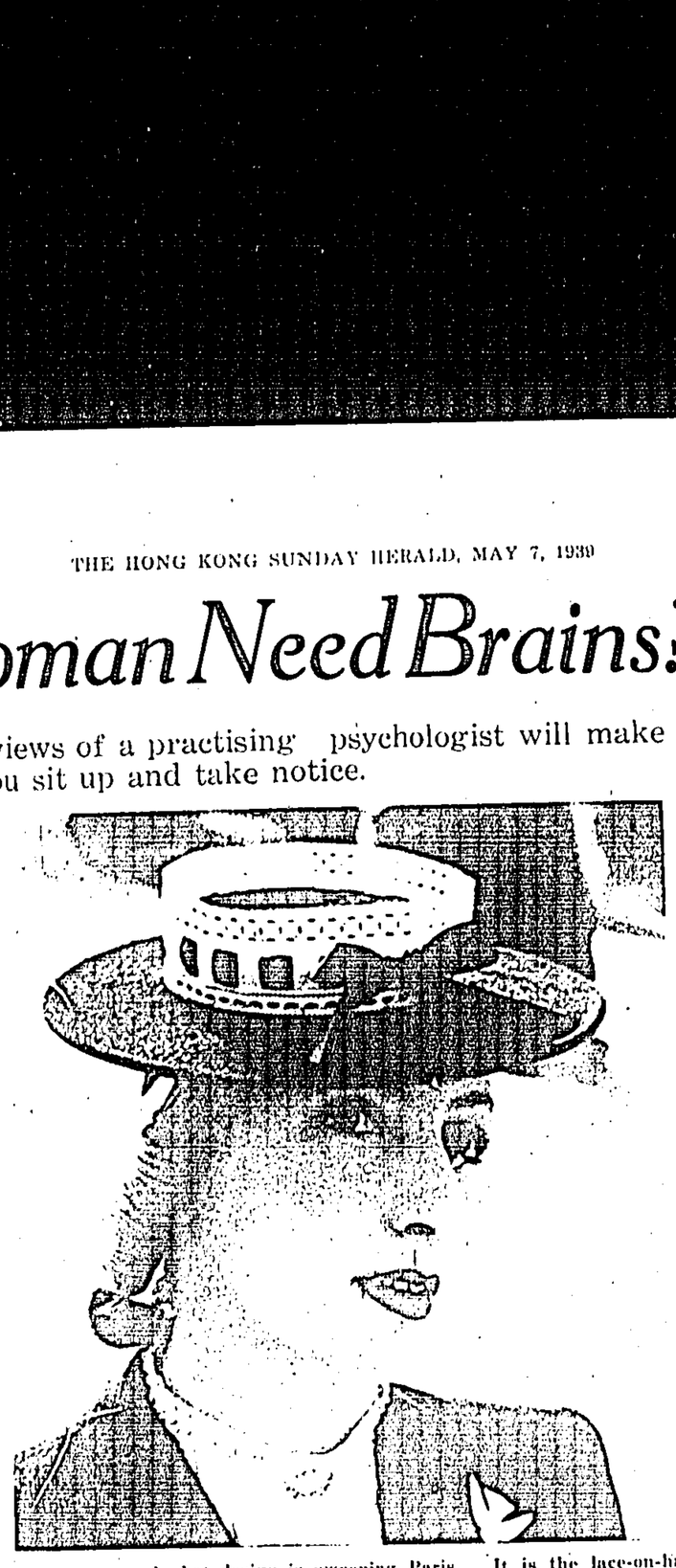
To be sure, I am overstating the facts somewhat for purposes of clarity and emphasis. What I am coming to, however, is this: *It is the intellectual women who tend to hurt a man's ego.* That is why he shies away from them. So many brainy women somehow can't resist flaunting their intellectual abilities when in a man's company and to their own disadvantage.

"When I'm through with the day's work I want relaxation and possibly a little fun," declared a bachelor of my acquaintance. "What I certainly don't want are intellectual discussions and arguments. And that's why I avoid women who are university graduates."

"These women who are superior mentally tend to be too serious," declared another. "They take their work so hard and are so conscientious that they can't leave it in the office when they go out for an evening. Business women seem to forget that love exists. They're too much head and too little heart."

No doubt the men quoted were not objecting so much to intellectual conversation, even of a business nature, as they were to the feeling that under such circumstances they were too frequently put on the defensive, had to think before they spoke and in general could not relax.

After all, men like to engage in small talk with women, or they like to impress them with tall talk about themselves. If the woman listens admiringly it builds them up no end. A man then "feels his oats," so to speak. His pride is inflated.



A new vogue in hat design is sweeping Paris. It is the lace-on-hat fashion, and here is one which was seen at Auteuill recently. The type of lace used is reminiscent of the trimming which adorned Grandma's petticoats, and it changes a black straw sailor into something really unique. *(Copyright, Fox).*

Another criticism I have often heard of the intellectual type of girl is that she has lost her femininity. Men claim that her seriousness makes her old before her time. They say she does not laugh readily; that a joke must be unusual to get a response from her; that lightheartedness and a kind of superficial optimism characteristic of girls is frequently absent in these young women.

It would be a mistake to believe that I am advocating the Dumb Dora type of behaviour. There may have been a day when in general life it was wise for the smart girls to act downright stupid, look up to their swains with innocent, adoring eyes, as though they were gods down on a visit from Olympus. But that day has passed. More freedom and less repression for women has brought out a different kind of female.

A woman these days does not have to act as though everything a man tells her is pure gold and overwhelming in its cleverness. Nor does she have to refrain from taking exception to his theories or to whatever he says and does. To be successful with men, however, she must still strive *not to upset their ego poise* overmuch.

Since lovemaking is so much a matter of the mind—at least a mental stimulation of the emotions—one would naturally expect the intellectual woman to excel in it. Yet she does not. It is because her superior intelligence causes her to despise the love intrigues by which her less gifted sister, the average woman, usually arouses and holds her man?

At any rate, it would certainly seem that intellectual women place less value on love than the average woman does and they do not allow their own instinctive demands to blossom, or else they kill the bud before it has had a chance to bloom.

For convenience one may divide the mind into intellectual and emotional processes. It is possible that the two cannot flourish equally well in a woman? Or is it possible that one department of the brain tends to usurp authority over the other?

Frankly, to know how to entice and cajole does not require large mind capacity. It is an instinctive force most women are born with and take to quite naturally.

A brilliant woman need not carry her intellectual attainments to a point where they become a burden or a wall of resistance which men dare not scale. Rather she can and should, for her own sake, make her superior intellect an additional lure.

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THE WORLD—IN LIGHTER VEIN

IN REVERSE

THE last Justice Day was a man of decidedly small stature, while his son was a big, sturdy fellow standing six feet four.

When Day introduced this fine, upstanding young man to Chief Justice White, the latter gazed upon the pair for a moment, and then with a chuckle exclaimed: "Ah, I see—a block off the old chip!"—*Christian Science Monitor.*

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PRECAUTION

"I can let you have this car with accessories, spare-parts, pumps, and jacks! Yes, even with all the route maps."

"Um—but what about the railway guide?"—*Monstiqua.*

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CO-OPERATION

Panting and perspiring, two Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last got to the top of the steep hill.

"That was a stiff climb, Pat," said the first.

"Sure and it was that," said Pat. "And if I hadn't kept the brake on we would have gone backwards."—*Grit.*

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MIND READER

The motor-cycle cop caught up with the speeding roadster that was operated by a sour-faced gentleman. The officer brought out his little book.

"Brother," he stated, "I'm going to give you one ticket for speeding and another for insulting an officer."

The driver's eyes popped.

"What do you mean—insulting an officer!" he howled. "Why, I never opened my mouth!"

"That makes no difference," snapped the cop, "I know what you're thinking!"—*New York Journal.*

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LEARNER

He: "Miss Elsie, what would you do if I gave you a kiss?"

She: "Well, I have no experience in that direction. What would you advise?"—*Humor.*

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TWO OF A KIND

"Did you pass your exam?"

"Well, it was like this—you see—"

"Shake. Neither did I."—*Louisville Courier.*

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UNLUCKY

"Didn't the painter warn you that the seat was freshly painted before you sat down?"

"Yes, but unfortunately he stuttered."—*Fliegende Blatter.*

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MUCH WORSE

"Is this the pugilist who was run into by a motorist?" asked the house surgeon.

"No; he's the motorist who ran into the pugilist."—*Australian Women's Weekly.*

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REMEMBER!

Mr. Brown: "Those roosters next door awakened me early again this morning."

Mrs. Brown: "Yes, but remember when you got up early one morning you crowed about it for a week."—*Montreal Star.*

WE HAVE, TOO

"You say you come from Detroit?" remarked the fellow passenger. "That's where they make automobiles, isn't it?"

"Sure," replied the American with some resentment. "But we make other things in Detroit, too."

"Yes, I know," retorted the other. "I've ridden in them!"—*Toronto Globe.*

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A GOOD START

Conductor: "How old is your little boy?"

Mother: "Four."

Conductor: "How old are you, little boy?"

Boy: "Four."

Conductor: "Well, madam, I'll let him ride this time, but when he grows up he'll be either a liar or a giant."—*Galt Reporter.*

MODERN YOUTH

It was 9 p.m. Grandma and her four-year-old grandson sat in the living-room before the open fireplace. The rest of the family had gone to a show.

The kid began to grow fidgety.

He kept looking out the window.

Grandma came over.

"Junior," she said, sweetly, "how about a bedtime story?"

The kid nodded.

"Okay, grandma," he murmured. "What would you like to hear?"—*New York American.*

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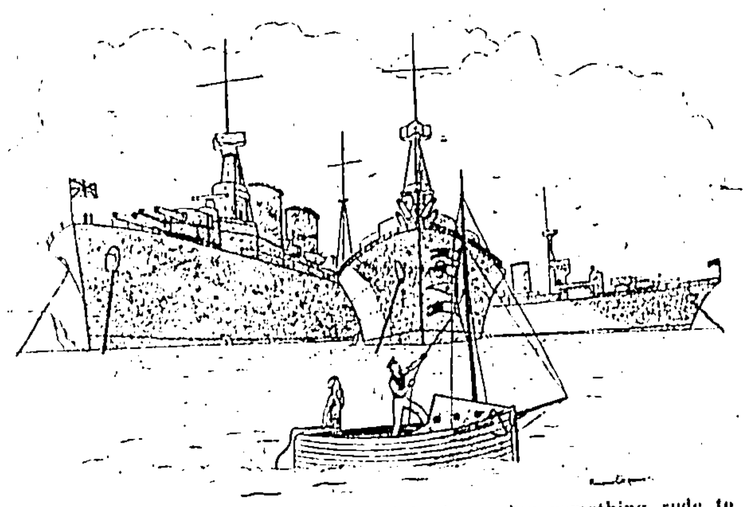
SAVED!

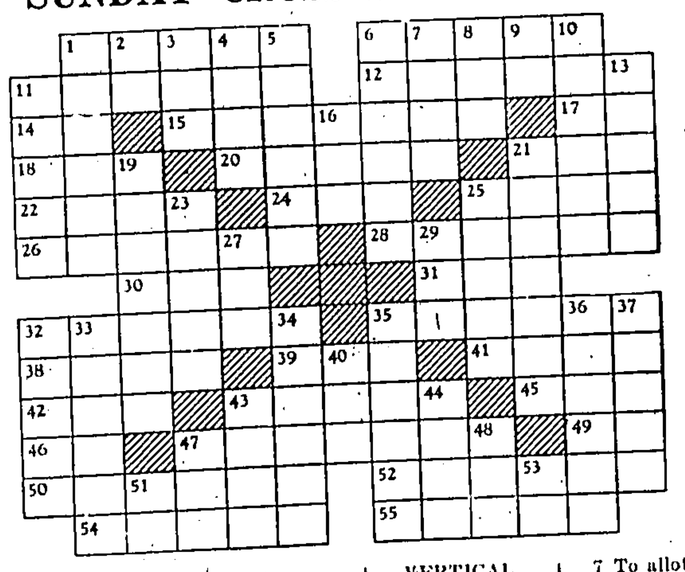
"So the burglar plundered your whole house! What about the revolver you keep under your pillow?"

"Ah, he didn't find that!"—*Wochenschau.*



"Edgar, dear, do be careful. You might be saying something rude to them."—*The Humorist, London, England.*

SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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24 To look at
25 Scope
26 Responds
28 Wet ground
30 Goal
31 Sea bird
32 Flat boats
35 Boxed
38 War god
39 Beverage
41 Grain pit
42 Free
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50 Cherry red
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54 Took part
55 Flower

VERTICAL

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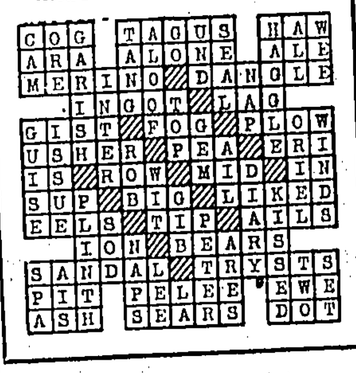
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



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The Woman Comments

SPAIN, San Sebastian. Spanish women have been warned not to wear head kerchiefs or rainproof knee-boots because that is the garb of feminine communists in Russia. They are advised instead to stay home, knit and sew.

ENGLAND, London. The newly-found Marriage Guidance Council expects to set up a mobile "marriage school" with headquarters in London. Dr. A. Herbert Gray, chairman, declared that modern women are responsible for the recent enormous increase in separations and divorces, that "many savage tribes are given better preparation for marriage than British young people."

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver. Voncouver has its first woman taxi-driver. She carries a rolling pin beside her for self-defence.

NEW YORK, New York. Dr. Martha Koehne, nutritionist of the Ohio Department of Health, exploded a number of beliefs about food at a meeting here. She said tomatoes do not clear the brain nor do lettuce and cucumbers keep us cool, and celery is not a nerve tonic. "Never eat unless hungry," she branded as misleading, for some people with poor appetites need more food. She claims it is unsound to believe that food dislikes are inherited. It is also a fallacy to think that distasteful food will not digest.

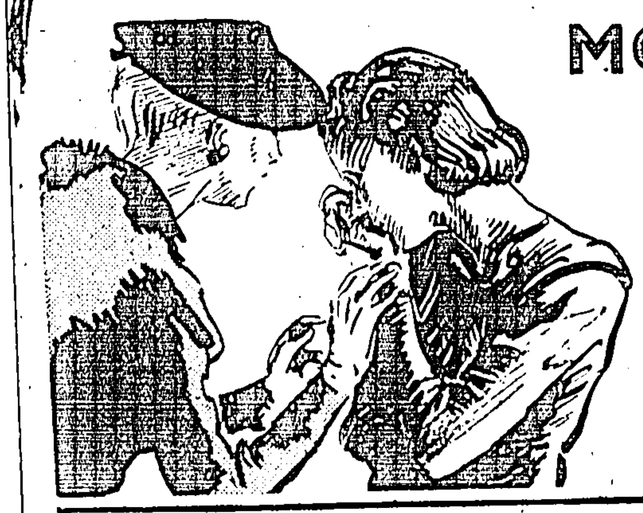
BRITISH WEST INDIES, Barbados. Formal marriage is largely dispensed with among the native population here, which makes divorce superfluous. The only complication to consider is the house. This is divided by a partition which enables the complainant to pick up his half and walk off with it, probably already planning to join it to another bisected home. The defendant stays in the remaining section.

GERMANY, Berlin. A Nazi official has forbidden an Aryan father to name his daughter Esther. He carried his applications through all the courts. The Berlin court gave the final verdict. It was "no." *** President Vetter of the Reich Association of Breeders of Hens, has made a new rule: "Every hen must lay 140 eggs yearly." So far they have not done better than ninety. He has also ruled that their present food allowance must not be increased. We advise him to tell the hens no more than is necessary.

ITALY, Rome. Ninety-five peasant women have produced a total of 887 children during the past ten years. Mussolini has given $263 to each mother, plus a bank account of $58.

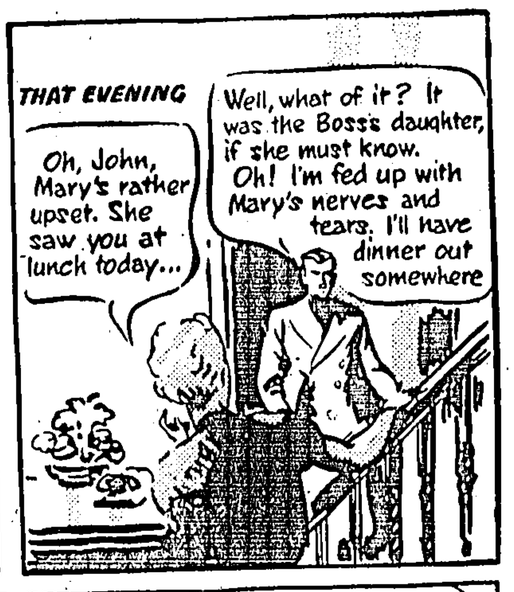
NEBRASKA, Omaha. Ed Rotermundt tried repeatedly to telephone his wife. The line was busy so he finally wired her: "Alice please call me when you get through talking."

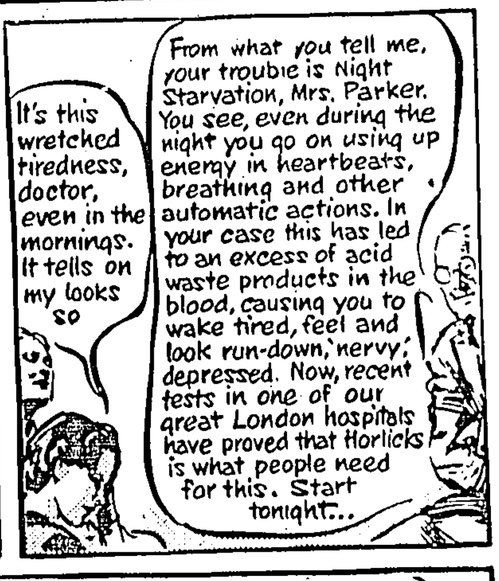
WASHINGTON, D. C. Patent Number 1,884,804 is an attachment which fits any automobile and enables a back-seat driver to enforce slower speed or even stop a car by simply shifting a lever.

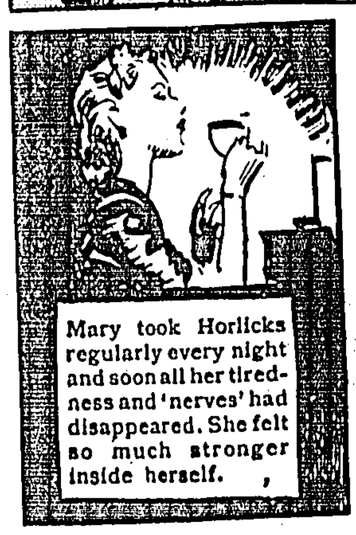


MOTHERS ARE OFTEN PEACEMAKERS

Mother and daughter are lunching together in town, when they see the daughter's husband in the same restaurant, but not alone . . .







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Master Freddy Aeschbach, of Shanghai, poses with two thoroughbred Irish Wolfhounds, the parents of the litter of puppies shown below.

Mrs. Marie Leigh Beten, who recently returned to Hong Kong from Hollywood, where she received special training in the Parker Herbex Studio under La Palla, foremost hairdresser in Hollywood, and studied the art of facial make-up in the Colonial Dames Salon.

Mr. A. K. Taylor and his bride, the former Miss M. F. Buchan of Hyndland, Glasgow, Scotland, whose marriage to place in the Peak Church last Saturday. *(Bann's Studio).*

The first litter of thoroughbred Irish Wolfhound puppies to be born in China. The pups are ten weeks old and are being offered for sale in the Classified Columns of the "Sunday Herald."

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Foreman whose wedding took place in St. John's Cathedral last Saturday. The bride is the former Miss D. Robinson of Portsmouth, England. *(Bann's Studio).*

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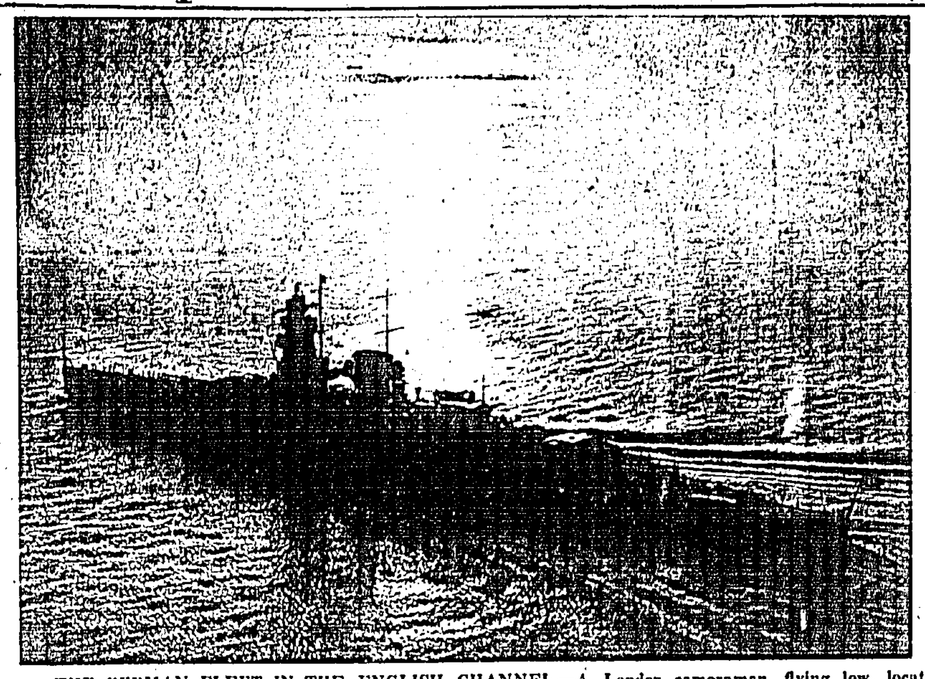
Mr. W. L. Lewis, new assistant general passenger agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisya in Hong Kong. *(Bann's Studio).*

Mr. A. Caplan of Messrs. Warner Bros., First National Pictures, Inc., who paid a brief visit to the Colony from Shanghai, returning to the North in the s.s. Empress of Russia last week. *(Bann's Studio).*

PUZZLING GERMAN HINTS

"Unexpected Reorientation" To Smash Encirclement Policy



THE GERMAN FLEET IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.—A London cameraman, flying low, located the German fleet on April 20 passing through the Straits of Dover. Photo shows the German battleship, Admiral Von Spee, making an impressive picture against the sunset as she steamed through the Straits about 4 miles from Dover.

Bid For Soviet Agreement? Milan Talks

Berlin, Yesterday.

Occupying the centre of attention in Berlin is not Colonel Beck's speech but the burst of activity in the Wilhelmstrasse, whose repercussions on the various aspects of the present European situation, are treated under the common denominator "smash the British encirclement front."

It is becoming increasingly obvious that German foreign policy is allowing everything else to be subordinate to the diplomatic tussle with Great Britain.

It is freely admitted that German policy may undergo an unexpected reorientation in pursuit of this end.

"Angriff" is convinced that smaller countries are beginning to see the "peril involved in allowing themselves to be drawn into the political gamble devised by the Democracies on the warpath."

Reports circulated to the effect that Germany had entered into negotiations with Greece for conclusion of a non-aggression pact are not in keeping with the facts.

CIANO TALKS

Everything will depend, it is said, on the outcome of the meeting between Ribbentrop and Count Ciano.

The German Foreign Minister spent yesterday in Munich and saw Hitler at his mountain residence last night before leaving for Milan, where he was due at eleven o'clock this morning.

Later he will go to Cernobbio on the western shore of the Lake Como to begin his talks with Count Ciano.

These talks which will be resumed to-morrow (Sunday) will take place in the Villa d'Este built in the 16th century for Cardinal Gallio and once the residence of Duchess Caroline of Brunswick, who became the wife of King George IV of England.

IDEOLOGISTS AND REALISTS

Official quarters in the German capital decline to say whether the relations of the Axis to the Soviet will be re-examined during the course of the talks.

An article in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" hints at some revision of Berlin's attitude towards Moscow on the supposition that M. Litvinoff's eclipse implies the end of the ideological conflict.

The victory in Spain, says the writer, has caused Bolshevism to give up hobnobbing with the Democracies.

Ideologists have now been supplanted by the realists.—Trans-Ocean.

TALKS IN MILAN

Rome, To-day.

The conversations between Count Ciano and Herr von Ribbentrop, scheduled to begin this morning will, according to official quarters, not take place at Lake Como, but in Milan.

The first conversations will be held at 11.30 a.m. in Hotel Continental. After lunch they will be resumed, and carried on on Sunday morning.—Trans-Ocean.

Pokfulam Burglary Arrests

As a sequel to the burglary at the "Roadside," Mount Davis Road, home of Mr. C. M. Gee, four Chinese unemployed and a woman were brought before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday.

Yeung Kim, 26, Lam Cheun, 32, and Li Ping, 28, were charged with burglary, and with stealing a Leica camera, a Filmo camera; a Filmo projector, two fountain pens, an electric clock, an electric coffee perculator, four pencils and a hat from "Roadside" on the night of April 26.

Chan Pui, 21, was charged with receiving the Leica camera, Filmo camera and two fountain pens, knowing them to be stolen.

The woman, Chan Ngan-ho, was charged with receiving a 500-watt motor-driven Filmo projector.

Det.-Sergt. R. Mevey is in charge of the case.

RECRUITING DEMONSTRATION

London, Yesterday.

Fulham Borough Council has given a lead to the recruiting campaign for Civil Defence services by opening an enrolment bureau in the Town Hall.

Representatives of the Services are to be in attendance.

A mass march and demonstration is being held this afternoon.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUSH OF RECRUITS FOR DEFENCE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the War Minister, in a written reply in the Commons yesterday, said that during the period from April 1 to April 29, 3,254 recruits were finally approved for the Regular Army, and approximately 88,000 recruits were enlisted or were in process of enlistment for the Territorial Army. — British Wireless.

ROYAL NAVAL SEND-OFF TO THE KING

London, Yesterday.

H.M.S. Repulse, the 32,000-ton battle cruiser which had to forego the honour of taking the King and Queen across the Atlantic, will nevertheless have the distinction of forming part of the Navy's escort to the Empress of Australia when the Royal voyage begins this afternoon.

The battle cruiser will join the escort cruisers Southampton and Glasgow for the first part of the journey, and later she will take farewell of the Royal ship and return to duty nearer home.

H.M.S. Southampton and Glasgow will continue to escort the Empress of Australia across the Atlantic.

Early this morning the flagship H.M.S. Nelson will lead units of the Home Fleet to sea from Portland to salute the King and Queen. With Nelson will be her sister ship, Rodney.

The new £3,000,000 aircraft carrier Ark Royal will be with the Fleet, and her squadrons of aircraft will dip in salute as they fly in formation by the Empress of Australia.

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UP AMONG THE BEEHIVES

Mo Kwan, 49, was bound over by Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday, when charged with attempting to steal bee hives from No. 22 Holy Cross Path on Friday, and stealing a hurricane lamp in Aldrich Street on April 22.

Inspector Russell said that at about 1.30 a.m. on Friday morning, defendant was seen on the roof, cutting the bee hives.

STRIKE OVER

London, Yesterday.

The dispute at Siemens' electrical works at Woolwich has been settled, on assurances that there would be no victimisation.

The Admiralty threatened direct action if an agreement was not reached.—Our Own Correspondent.

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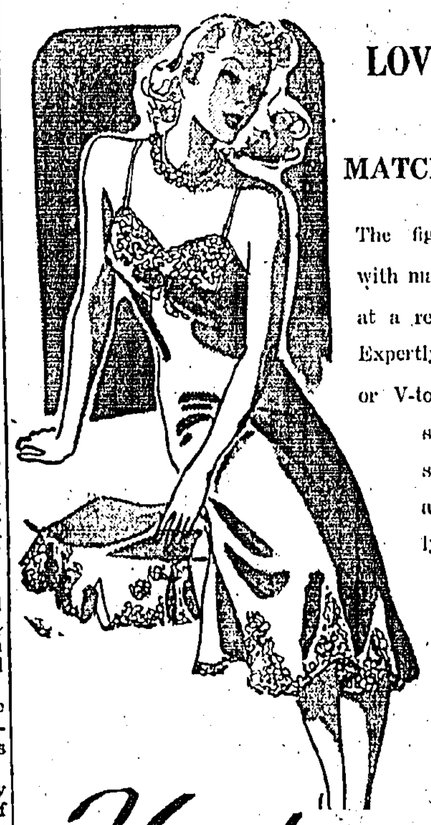

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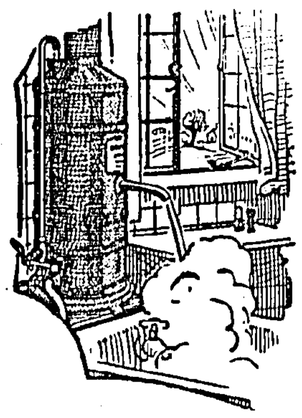

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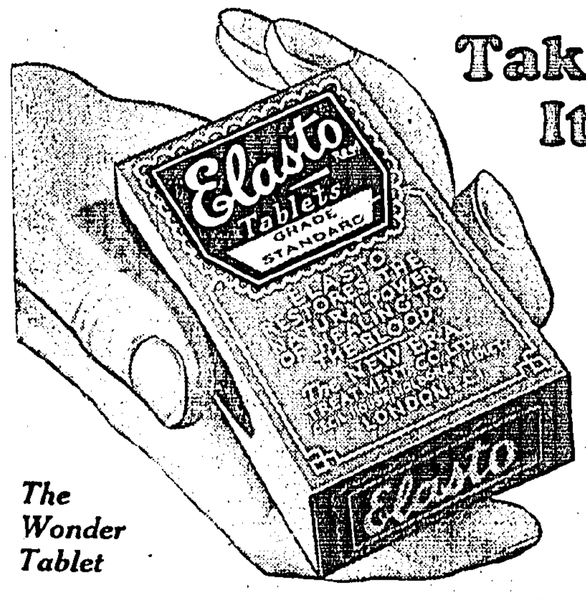

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Hong Kong Needs Not Prisons, But Reformatories And Labour Camps

"CRIME" REPRESSION

THE appalling crime statistics in Hong Kong, brought about as a gruesome aftermath of the war, calls for the revision of its crime repression system in conformity with the war-time conditions prevailing in the Colony.

THE PRISON REPORT . . . . .

Major Willcock's Prison report is a startling commentary on the social conditions prevailing in the Colony. There is the story of the young Chinese who begged help from a European, while he was seeking for work. When asked what he had been doing, he said he had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and had just been released tht day, after serving four months of his sentence. With the air of one suffering from a great grievance, he said the warder had ordered him that morning to put off his prison garb, don his own clothes and go away: and he added sadly, "I had done nothing wrong." It was somewhere along the shores of the Red Sea that the notice used to be put up warning prisoners that if they did not return by six p.m. they would be locked out. — St. John's Review.

By ANNA GINSBOURG

The interdependence of crime and economics is a well established fact. Regrettably lacking, however, is due recognition of the necessity to apply special methods of retribution to crimes having an economic basis, especially at time when the society suddenly becomes faced with mass demoralization of the population resulting from wholesale loss of property and unemployment. The task of the punitive apparatus in such circumstances is mainly to protect the society from those elements which are endangering its safety, and its attitude toward the lawbreaker is not that of punishment and redress but of a corrective and educational character.

HONG KONG CRIME COLUMNS

The study of crime columns of Hong Kong dailies reveals that the overwhelming majority of crimes committed in the Colony are of a petty nature, such as bag-snatching, larcenies, thefts etc. These offences are rarely accompanied with assaults on a person and in most cases bear no evidence of premeditation. Going through their history one is soon left with no doubt in mind that it is seldom a habitual criminal with whom Justice deals with at the present juncture, but most often a disheartened unemployed, an impoverished peasant and a homeless refugee.

In the light of this knowledge the Prisons Report just published offers a wealth of bitter facts as to conditions prevailing in local prisons. It tells of their indescribable congestion, preventing the separation of first offenders and juveniles from hardened criminals, of lack of organized labour, physical training and education.

PRISON SPIRIT

The predominant principle governing the crime repression system in Hong Kong seems to be the punishment of a lawbreaker. Little or no consideration is being given as to what his future after leaving the prison will be and to what life he will be able to adjust himself. The results are often deplorable. Being isolated from the normal life, having nothing to do and living in humble surroundings, the convict easily gives in to further demoralizing influences and by the time his sentence expires often finds himself more habituated to the life of the under-world than he was prior to his entering the prison.

Such system is apt to breed recidivism. It tends to degenerate those whom misery and despair forced to choose the path of least resistance often but once in life and who could be easily rendered to society if proper measures of *correction* instead of punishment were put into practice.

The general tendency on the part of modern jurists is to advocate the revision of the entire antiquated penal system based upon the idea of retribution of punishment. Judging by experiments carried out in different countries and on a large scale in Soviet Russia, they assert that the corrective labour system, applied with discrimination to various types of criminals, can successfully replace the present methods which tend to degrade a man.

CORRECTION VS. PUNISHMENT

But before this sweeping reform, touching upon the basic principles of modern penology, will ever take place, new methods of treating prisoners should be introduced at a time when social and economic exigencies necessitate the adoption of extreme measures.

As all major prison problems in Hong Kong arise out of overcrowding of prisons, the task of relieving their congestion is the main one and requiring most urgent attention. But how can it be accomplished? Various plans have been put forward, but they all involve high expenditure and fail to provide a quick remedy so desperately needed at the moment. The only way out is prompted by the adoption of a changed attitude toward the whole problem of combating crime at the present juncture and then the solution quickly presents itself.

Should the Government regard the majority of crimes committed in the Colony at the war and post-war time as a gruesome product of the deteriorated social and economic conditions in the country and the criminal as a helpless victim of these circumstances, there will be no need of erecting new prisons with high walls and locked cells. They could be suitably replaced by labour camps set in the open and reformatories for juveniles and first offenders more resembling schools than prisons.

LABOUR CAMPS

The idea of labour camps, usually organized out of the city, is to provide convicts with labour under supervision in healthy surroundings affording the freedom of motion. Their work is paid in proportion to skill displayed and the standard of general behaviour. No restriction is imposed upon the spending of their earnings. Extra food, clothing etc. can be bought or money sent to convicts' families. Compulsory education goes hand in hand with productive labour programme, and convicts making good progress in literacy etc. are granted extra priviliges such as more frequent visits of relatives, extra books and letters etc.

The organization and management of labour camps may, of course, greatly vary in conformity with local conditions and the type of convicts, but the idea inspiring the project always remains the same. It is the assurance that labour is the best influence which can correct everything, and that education and labour combined never fail to improve the character and status of a person under arrest who leaves the camp sometimes better equipped with knowledge and trade than he was in his former life.

The natural amenities of Hong Kong offer vast opportunities of establishing labour camps in the desired surroundings. Perhaps some of the refugee camps now housing only a limited number of refugees could be converted into labour camps and refugees transferred to other places. Wooden barracks would very well do both as sleeping quarters and workshops and the only problem which the Government would have to tackle is how to provide the camps with an adequate armed force serving as guards.

The programme of compulsory labour can include almost anything, from constructing of air-raid dug-outs to manufacture of saleable articles, and shall be left to the discrimination of the Government or the authorities in charge of labour camps.

JUVENILE CRIME

The treatment of young offenders is a great problem facing the Judge, no adequate solution of which has yet been found. Of all countries Soviet Russia alone has approached it in all its seriousness and worked out a special system of dealing with child delinquents. Some of her experiments in this field have been imitated by other Governments, which unanimously declare that Russian programme of combating juvenile crime should be given world-wide publicity.

The machinery in operation for dealing with juvenile criminals in Russia is called the Commission for Cases of Minors. It is *not* a children's court, but a predagogical and educational organization which sits in closed sessions permitting the attendance of those only who are connected with the cases. The measures of correction applied by the Commission range from placing the child in the care of a family, or on maintenance and education by some organization, to the final measure, which is never resorted to unless all other efforts have failed, namely, sending the child to a reformatory or an industrial school.

The reformatory is operated in an education manner, teaching being combined with productive labour. There is no restriction of movement, nor corporal punishments. The child is given every opportunity of developing his capacities, and if he is unwilling to do so he loses some of the priviliges he otherwise enjoys, and his term of sentence may be lengthened. The important feature of the programme is close contact continuously kept between reformatories and factories, so that the children whose sentence expired could directly be given jobs and their life of labour, to which they got used in the reformatory, would go on uninterrupted.

FRESH AIR

In the way of establishment the reformatory resembles the labour camp. It is also preferable that it could be set in the open to afford the greater freedom of motion in the fresh air and the greater choice of work for the inmates.

The main factor ensuring success in working of both types of institutions is the presence of well-trained personnel able to put ideas into practice and combine strict discipline with educational and correctional influence. Considering the number of unemployed Chinese teachers and returned students in Hong Kong, the choice of such personnel would present no difficulty. They would need additional training, of course, but in the light of general situation in the Colony it would pay the Government to provide such.

Jane and Madge Grimmer and Miss Yvonne Newman, Civil Air Guard women pilots have just qualified for their "A" licences. They are all Bedfordshire girls and trained at Barton Airport. Miss Newman has the distinction of being Bedfordshire's first C.A.G. "A" pilot closely followed by the sisters Grimmer. Photo shows — Miss Yvonne Newmann (centre) with Jane (left) and Madge Grimmer studying the route for a flight.

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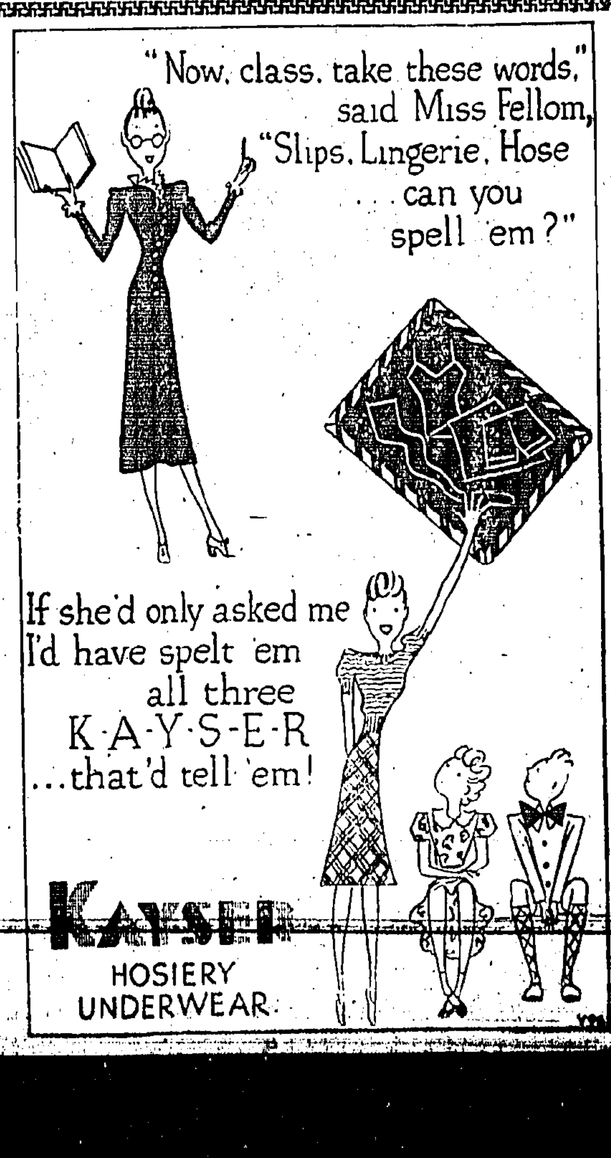

POPE PIUS XII AND THE CRISIS

The Power Of A Great Spiritual Leader As The Pope Is Consists Essentially In the Force and Unity of the Catholic World.

By COUNT SFORZA

AT the darkest moment of the World War, in 1917, one of the Australian leaders implored Benedict XV to place the "high authority of the Church" in the service of peace. The Pope replied in the sarcastic and brief tone well known in his circle.

"Authority, authority?" he said. "It is strange that this word should be so currently used by those who have always invoked this factor, but have never obeyed". . . .

The words of our sovereigns are often obscure, but I can guarantee the authenticity of the above—not only because it was reported to me by my cousin, the Cardinal Scapinelli, who enjoyed the confidence of the Pope; but also because Benedict XV himself forwarded me four years later a message when, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, I submitted to him, through a worthy Italian personality who acted as liaison officer, my opinion as to the advisability as to the Holy See exercising its authority in the Catholic world in favour of the idea of a League of Nations.

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THESE souvenirs of Benedict XV came to my mind when, just after the election of Pius XII, we were called upon to envisage a new phenomenon in the annals of modern history—protestants, Jews and anticlericals of all denominations acclaimed the election of the Secretary of State of Pius XI and expressed their most ardent and optimistic desire that he should oppose the violence of racial and bellicist hatred.

This unanimity of spirit was not lacking in beauty; in a world increasingly menaced by totalitarian barbarism, it was a tribute to the most firmly established moral values.

But Pius XII was not completely reassured as to this spontaneous homage of the peoples of other Churches and of other creeds.

Those who are acquainted with the mental formation of the Pope are well aware that one of his fundamental ideas is that any violation of the rights of man is a mortal attack against the very being of Christianity. Eight months before his papacy, he wrote: "It is not surprising that the Church has for centuries constantly pursued the idea of a spiritual education aimed at rooting in mankind the conviction of the formidable and free responsibility of his actions and at giving to everyone, leaders and led, the feeling that they are equal before God, a policy which excludes any possibility of the violation of the rights of the individual."

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AFTER the election of Pius XII, I met prominent personalities of the old German Central Party—a Catholic faction—and I had the opportunity of speaking to them about the action of Pacelli, as Nunciate or as Secretary of State of Pius XI, in respect of the Hitlerian Reich. To hear them, Pacelli had been warned by them that any attempt to reach agreement with the Fuehrer would be in vain; that Hitler would derive all the moral benefit of the signature of a treaty with the Pope, but that he would have violated it whenever convenient; and that Pacelli had always replied in an optimistic tone. . . .

But it must not be overlooked that exiles are often disillusioned and that, by a strange trick of memory, they can only recall their prophetic words of vengeance against the new master of their country. And then—if the Concordat with Hitler was—as I have reasons to believe—one of the predominant ideas of Pius XI, who, in the first years of his pontificate, always endeavoured to reach an agreement with the dictators, was it not the duty of Pacelli, in all loyalty, to take the same line as his chief? I knew well enough Pius XI, who was intimately acquainted with my father, to realise that he would never have permitted a Secretary of State to be more than the scrupulous executor of his orders. Pius XI was one of the most arbitrary and personal Popes of our age. He had no collaboration—no relations as between Leo XIII and Rampolla; he had only the executives agents of his will.

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THE political ideas of Pius XII must be sought, rather than in the acts which he signed as Secretary of State, in certain statements of a moral character of which it may be said that, during the months preceding his election, he took every opportunity of expressing them, as, for instance, on the eve of the Holy Week of 1938; at that moment he wrote from Rome to a Frenchman: "Civil order is not that of tyranny or slavery, which deprives the members of human society of the rights due to them, or regulates the exercises of these rights in such a way as to make the citizen a mere instrument of despotic authority." And, further on, he recalled a famous adage of Pope Gregory: "The difference between the barbarian kings and the emperors of Rome is this: the barbarian kings are the chiefs of slaves and the Roman emperors are the chiefs of free men."

Pius XII is an Italian—and therefore a lover of his country—, but he is also a Roman, and there has been no Roman Pope for two centuries. History has so maltreated the Romans that they are regarded in their own country as agreeable sceptics. Even Roman families, who for many generations, have been in the direct or indirect service of the Vatican, (this is the case of the Pacelli family) have often a kind of confidential attachment to the things of the Church; the Church is their business, the source of their income. Hence the ironical little tale of the XVIIIth century, which gave rise to a proverb that Voltaire might have envied: "Faith is made in Rome and believed in elsewhere." History may have endowed the Romans with this charming scepticism. But it has given to the best of them an international or a supra-national spirit which, for centuries, was the secret of the force of the Italian prelates. If Pacelli is profoundly penetrated by this supra-national spirit, he owes it in the first place to the fine loftiness of his own character, but also to the fact that he is a Roman—not a prelate of Milan, Quebec, Venice or Dublin.

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THERE is therefore every reason to believe that this age-old republic of the Holy See has received in 1939 a chief who will be able to maintain the traditions and the authority of twenty centuries of Christianity. And the present Head of this Republic has already expressed his opinion in his Easter homily, in which he openly reproved those Governments who menace the peace by refusing to respect the treaties to which they have solemnly affixed their signature.

But one must not forget the disillusioned exclamation of Benedict XV. Who could have expected that he could act as a superman, when the Catholic world of the Great War was divided into two warring camps, flinging their mutual accusations from trench to trench?

The power of a great spiritual leader as is the Pope consists essentially in the force and the unity of the Catholic World.

If the German Catholics can agree with those of America and France on the statement of Pius XII that "civil order is not that of tyranny and slavery," the voice of their chief will prevail in the world. But if the Catholics, while continuing united as to dogma, remain radically divided as to the moral and practical deductions to be drawn, if they show that it is, in fact, indifferent to them whether they are governed by chiefs of slaves or by chiefs of free men, to recall the famous adage of Pope Gregory, nothing would be more unfair on the part of the Catholics than to expect that a leader of a divided or somnolent catholicity could perform a miracle.

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AS for the members of the other European Churches and the innumerable persons who know no Church, and acclaim the election of Pius XII as a defender of the liberty of mankind, their joy, I repeat, is an element of light in a world threatened with a reversion to the dominion of the cavemen; even if not completely disinterested, this joy is a tribute to the traditional forces of the spirit. But their acclamations would merely constitute a further link in the chain of the fatal weaknesses of the democracies with regard to the totalitarian threats, if they were only an expression of the prayer: "Help us, for we cannot help ourselves."

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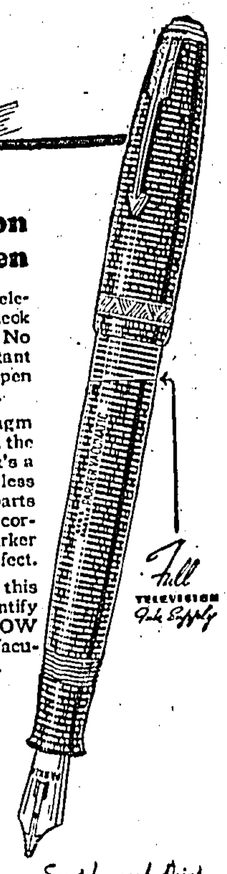

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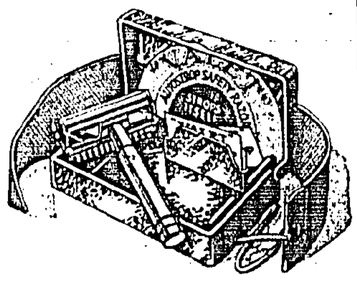

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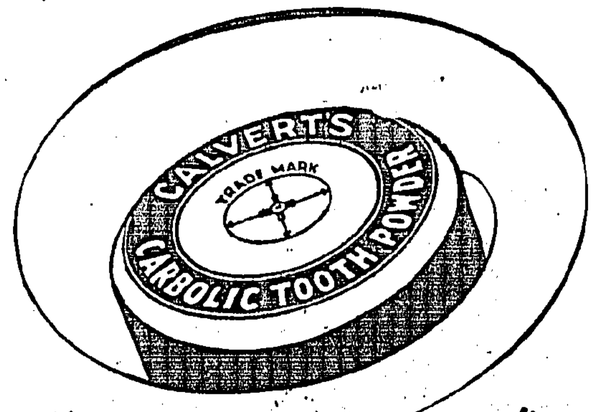

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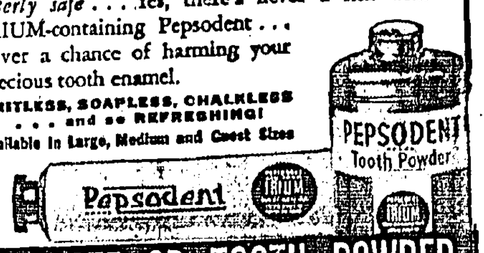

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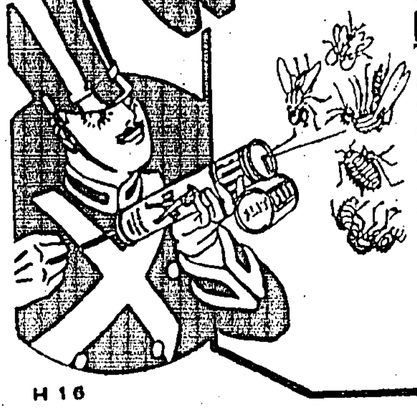

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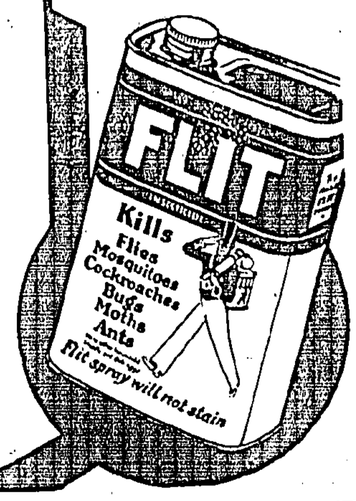

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So Far The Symptoms Are Against Neutrality: They Include Accession to the Anti-Comintern Pact and Delay In Departure of the Italians

What Will Spain Do In A European Crisis?

BY SALVADOR DE MADARIAGA, Famous Spanish Diplomat

THE rape of Albania, the guarantees to Eastern powers threatened by the Axis, and the end of the Spanish war have altered the pattern of European forces. To what an extent? This depends mostly on the attitude of Spain in case of war. In order to eliminate the causes of error coming from prejudice, passion, propaganda or wishful thinking, it is best to let the facts speak for themselves.

The first fact is that, of the three cases theoretically possible, two only need be discussed: neutrality or participation on the side of the totalitarian powers. This results from two observations: the attitude of the several powers towards the civil war; and the circumstance that even in the ideal conditions of 1914-18, the Allied powers were unable to enlist Spain on their side. From which it follows that, in a survey of the situation, the forces *against* the totalitarian powers may be counted as forces *for* neutrality.

Factors Against Neutrality

IN the first place gratitude toward Italy and Germany. This feeling should not be minimised, despite somewhat frivolous opinions uttered to the contrary in the London Press. The history of the Spanish State shows that the feeling of *pundonor*, so deeply rooted in the Spaniard, passes into his foreign policy.

In the second, the fact that Spain has never suffered at the hands of Italy and only once at the hands of Germany; while Great Britain holds Gibraltar and was the main agent in the disintegration of the Spanish Peninsula and of the Spanish Empire. As for France, she seldom was well inspired in her relations with Spain, as proved by the history of Morocco.

A third factor is the affinity of the most formidable force in the new regime (the Falange or National-Syndicalist movement) with the Fascist and Nazi organisations.

A fourth, the militant aggressive policy of the totalitarian powers, which may lead them to demand political payment for their help during the Civil War.

A fifth, the possible temptation of the prey to be captured in a fight against France and England, particularly in Gibraltar, which no nationalist Spaniard can fail to consider as having been unlawfully annexed by Great Britain, and in Morocco, where France is the enemy.

The sixth and last factor is the need for occupation of a well-trained and victorious Army at the end of the military phase of the Civil War.

Factors For Neutrality

THE first is a stubborn tradition of neutrality, born of disillusionment and scepticism—a tradition which the Civil War has strengthened and developed in all but the most militant and fiery nationalists.

The second, an almost equally strong tradition of "peace with England" which will no doubt be stimulated if the present policy of firmness is maintained in London.

The third, a general sympathy with the West, which though undefinable and unexpressed, is a definite obstacle to alliance with far-off Germans and Italians.

The fourth, a curious lack of deference for the Italian language and people on the part of the average Spaniard. This is due to the close resemblance of the two languages which makes the one sound like the caricature of the other, as well as to the tendency of the Spaniard to identify Italian things with operatic and theatrical activities. This factor, immaterial as it may sound, is all-important, and should by no means be underestimated.

The fifth factor is the feeling that the help given during the civil war was not tendered for Spain's own sake but with ulterior motives. This feeling is bound to have been developed by the somewhat tactless manner in which the withdrawal of the Italian contingent has been and may still be negotiated as an Italian asset.

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THERE are still other factors. One is the importance of Great Britain and France as cash-paying customers, the difficulty of establishing trade relations with a country of similar production and consumption such as Italy, and the obvious obstacles to a satisfactory commerce with a country as Germany struggling in the bonds of a self-inflicted autarchy.

Then there are the geo-political factors which make it difficult for Italy and impossible for Germany to form a coherent front with Spain. The presence of a liberal-conservative, monarchist-catholic contingent behind the Spanish nationalist movement which is not at ease in the neo-pagan, anti-catholic environment of totalitarianism. These are the "Anglo-maniac aristocracy and the Francophile bourgeoisie" abused in Count Ciano's paper "Telegrafo" on April 2nd, precisely in an article discussing the foreign policy of Spain.

Another important point is the position of Portugal, a friend of the first hour, yet committed to alliance with Great Britain. The Treaty of non-aggression with Portugal is tantamount to a promise of neutrality given by nationalist Spain to English-allied Portugal.

Lastly, there is an overwhelming feeling of war-weariness in the people.

The conviction which every Spanish thinking man must harbour that neutrality is the only possible policy under which national unity and reconstruction can be achieved.

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SO much for the facts. They do not lend themselves to a cut and dried conclusion. Yet a few general observations may be ventured:

1. Time works for neutrality. The sooner the war breaks out the more difficult will it be for nationalist Spain to break away from the allies into neutrality.

2. This however implies a positive policy on the part of the Western Group, by which is meant not only a constructive general policy backed by firmness to oppose the anarchy of the Axis, but also definite concrete offers to Spain in order to offset those which may have been made to her by the Axis.

3. So far the symptoms are against neutrality. They include accession to the anti-comintern Pact and delay in the departure of the Italians.

4. If Spain sides with the Axis, she may in the end prove more of a liability than of an asset to the two totalitarian powers, both on the strategic and on the political plane.

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London, Yesterday.

In spite of Thursday's bomb outrages in London, Birmingham, Coventry and Liverpool (where a new feature was introduced in the throwing of gas bombs in cinemas) Scotland Yard and police in the centres chiefly affected are confident that they have a firm grip on the I.R.A. terrorists.

Thursday's outbreak was a direct sequel to the passing of a ten years' sentence on an Irish leader convicted under the Explosives Act, which apparently inspired I.R.A. sympathisers to come out of the cover to which they had been driven, just for a moment.

No further episodes like the steady series of outrages which marked the beginning of the campaign is regarded as possible.

Scotland Yard and Special Branch men of other forces have frustrated many recent bombing attempts, swooped on suspected arsenals, and brought about the conviction of many of the ringleaders, who are now serving long sentences of imprisonment.

In this work men from the Secret Service have rendered yeoman aid.

Posing as civilians, living in Ireland under assumed names, they have gradually accumulated a mass of evidence.

Their information or clues have wrecked the elaborate machinery which had been set up "to baffle the strength and resources of the English Government."

From them came the lead which led to the discovery of the "S" Plan—the plot to destroy bridges, communications, power plants, important buildings and factories.

From them, too, came the news of other groups of wreckers who had established H.Q. in London and were planning a series of explosions.

The Yard pounced, grabbed large consignments of "jelly," and found secret hide-outs containing valuable documents.

As a result of these raids several men are on the run.

Even though their arrest may be delayed their sphere of terrorism has gone.

CONSTANT RAIDS

The Yard's main difficult in dealing with the wreckers has so far been that as soon as one "key" man is arrested, another takes his place in "The Squad," as the I.R.A. call the men specially selected for "difficult and dangerous jobs."

But the police have met each fresh challenge so efficiently that recruits are now plainly discouraged.

Constant raids and searches, all-night vigils at suspected houses, questioning of hundreds of Irishmen, keen watch kept on the Irish boats have all contributed to the desired effect.

Nowhere in Britain are the police taking chances, however. A twenty-four-hour guard to prevent the sabotage of valuable property still goes on.

Bridges spanning the Thames and other vulnerable vital points are still being closely guarded; river patrols have been doubled. Nor will precautions relax until the police are satisfied that I.R.A. activities have been thoroughly stamped out.—Our Own Correspondent.

DAMAGES FOR SON'S BLACK EYE

London, Yesterday.

The father of a Renfrew schoolboy, Mr. George Haveron, has been awarded £30 damages for a black eye and damaged nose sustained by his son.

It was alleged that the boy was called out in front of his class by his teacher and made to fight.

Damages were awarded against the Renfrewshire Education Committee.—Our Own Correspondent.

Woman Held As Spy

Paris, Yesterday.

The French intelligence service, investigating a case of espionage in the Savoie district, near the Italian frontier, have arrested a Swiss woman and a soldier.

Last week the intelligence service was informed that a copy of the mobilisation plan had been handed to a chief agent of the Secret Service of a "foreign Power" by a young Swiss woman of German origin.

They discovered that the woman was the sweetheart of the soldier and arrested her. The soldier was questioned. He protested his innocence, but in the lining of his coat were found hidden important documents.

CHARGE AGAINST CESAR FRANCK

Le Havre, Yesterday.

Cesar Franck, who is described as an Alsatian, and was a waiter aboard the burned-out liner "Paris" stoutly denied complicity when again interrogated by the investigating Magistrate here.

A direct charge against Franck of causing the outbreak has now been made by the police.

M. Cuberlier, the investigating magistrate, said that if the man was found guilty the charge was punishable by death.

Franck was made a night watchman and an assistant fireman in the liner a few days before the fire and actually gave the alarm.

According to the police his story contains many contradictions.

A search at the room he occupied in a Le Havre hotel, revealed nothing.

KILLED BY A SAUSAGE PLANT

London, Yesterday.

A Hampstead butcher, George Schnabel, 25, was found dead in the basement of a butcher's shop in the Caledonian Road, lying beneath an electric chopping machine used in the preparation of sausages.

It is believed that he was accidentally electrocuted.—Our Own Correspondent.

GOLD STILL GOING TO U.S.

London, Yesterday.

Large quantities of gold continue to leave Southampton for New York.

The last two consignments have totalled £14,700,000 and £9,000,000 in value.—Our Own Correspondent.

CORRESPONDENCE

"SENSATION SLEUTHS"

Dear Sir,—While I am grateful to you for publishing last Sunday my letter addressed to your paper, I feel the editorial comments appended thereunder need a reply.

If as much publicity were given to the quips and sallies levelled against Madame Tabouis as there is to the articles she writes, there would be little cause for complaint. The article to which I drew attention was printed throughout in thick black type obviously for the purpose of drawing the attion of readers. There was no editorial subnote, not even in the smallest print, suggesting the article might be read and taken with a pinch of salt.

It seems Mr. Joseph Kennedy was addressing the Press Association. (The Press Club.-Ed.) I entirely agree that when newspapers state their views honestly and fairly based on established facts and not fiction, as the great majority of them in the democracies do, it is of inestimable benefit to the world at large, and I apprehend that it was to this section of the press that Mr. Kennedy addressed his remarks. The article written by Madame Tabouis was not one likely to achieve the object that Mr. Kennedy had in mind, and I find it very difficult to believe you really contend that he would support its publication.

Yours faithfully,

STANLEY H. DODWELL.

[It seems to us that the only real point of difference between the Hon. Mr. Stanley Dodwell and ourselves is whether or not Madame Tabouis is guilty of wilful invention. Our view is that Madame Tabouis's international reputation could not have been built upon wilful, foundationless scaremongering. That is not to suggest that she is never wrong.—Ed. S. H.]

Sir,—Mr. Stanley Dodwell's letter in your last week's issue indirectly raises a question which cannot but cause concern to all supporters of a free press. Mr. Dodwell affords a reminder of that small but powerful coterie in England, whose motives in desiring to muzzle the press are, to put it mildly, suspect.

For several years competent newspaper correspondents have given warning after warning of Germany's aggressive aims. These correspondents, recognised experts on foreign affairs, warned us what to expect in Austria, Spain and Czecho-Slovakia. Immediately arose a shriek of "Alarmists" from the small band of Hitler's friends in England. The sequel needs no recapitulation here.

To-day these same experts on foreign affairs are giving us further warnings, of which all thinking people should take note. Mr. Dodwell, it appears, would have these experts—"sensation sleuths"—turn to what he calls the "discovery of the good instead of the bad in the world, so that our news services can dispense a little cheer, comfort and encouragement."

I cannot suppose that Mr. Dodwell is making a hint here that only one side of the picture should be presented.

If it is well known that Hitler is planning further aggression, that another free and democratic country is to disappear from the map, should the news be suppressed? We should be made to think that all is well in the world. Why?

No, sir, in the great changes that have taken place in non-democratic countries during the past few years, we have seen journalists brought down to the status of Government scribes, not allowed to express opinions of their own, not allowed to print news of benefit to the people. I am sure Mr. Dodwell does not advocate this. Nor can I think he wants only newspapers that do the bidding of Government, with the main object of keeping the people misinformed as to what is going on, to cover up schemes which would not be tolerated by a democratic people—if they knew.

For this is a menace, remote as yet, but one which has been moving towards us for some time. Let us hope that our press faces it with a vigorous and righteous opposition.

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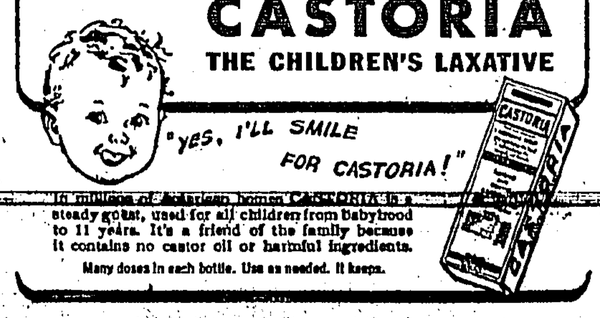

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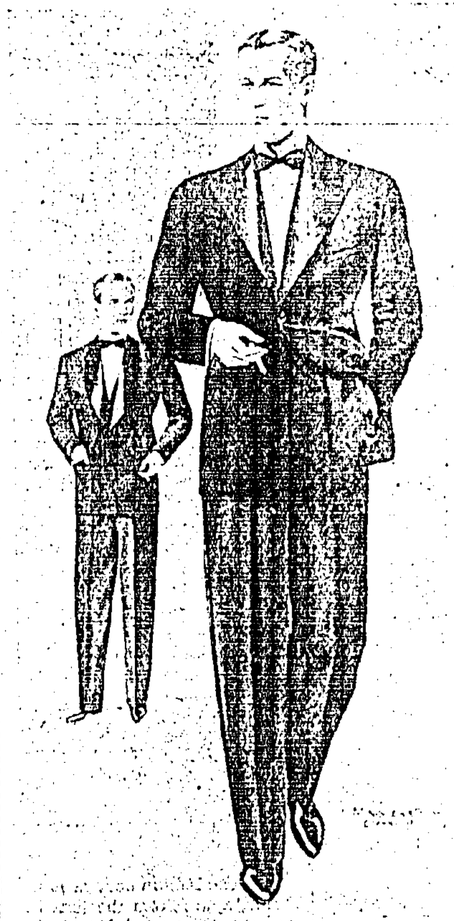

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The New Constellation In The Balkans

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Greek public opinion is firmly convinced that the interests of Greece command that she should refuse to be drawn into any dispute between the Great Powers. It most certainly will not be influenced by any natural sympathy or ideological preference for this or that group of nations.

Greece has no territorial aspirations. But she will not tolerate any violation of her own territory, which is entirely Greek and inhabited by Greeks alone. Then again, the fact that Greece entertains important relations with Germany as well as with England and the United States is a definite deterrent to cooperation with any given group, since this would entail the abandonment of economic collaboration with the other combination. The logical consequence of the situation is a strong trend of opinion in favour of neutrality.

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IN the case of a general conflagration, it is impossible to predict what Greece will do or what she may be forced to do. It seems improbable, however, that the recent Italian descent upon Albania will be the beginning of a world war. In Athenian official circles, it is thought that Italy's action will be confined to Albania.

BY GEORGE PEZMANTZOGLOU,

Former Greek Foreign Minister

But the Italian occupation of Albania, apart from the possible immediate complications entailed, has raised a question of an international character. After the incorporation of Austria and the suppression of the Czechoslovak State, history has seen the vassalisation of Albania. All this denotes a system, the existence of a definite menace to the smaller nations. This is, however, a matter of international concern, and, in this connection, Greece can do no more than express her firm resolution to defend her political and territorial integrity by every means in her power.

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ANOTHER consequence of the occupation of Albania is that Italy has for the first time set her foot upon Balkan soil. It must, of course, be admitted that Italy actually possesses specific and vital interests in Albania and on the Albanian coast. But this is something quite different from the right to annex a whole country, an action which largely outstrips what is recognised as being Italy's legal right and amounts to a concrete expression of Italy's long known pretentions with regard to the Balkan peninsula. This, it may be suggested, is also a question of a general character that could only be settled by international negotiation or a general conflict.

When dealing with the situation in the Balkans, it must be borne in mind that owing to the annexation of Austria and the suppression of Czechoslovakia, the position of certain Balkan States has changed considerably since last year. The new delimitation of the boundaries of the Central European States has resulted in a definite increase of the influence of the Rome-Berlin Axis with regard to Rumania and Jugoslavia; then again, the annexation of Albania has created a common frontier between Greece and Italy. The present situation would have certainly been avoided if the original plan of Kemal Ataturk and the founders of the Balkan Pact had finally agreed upon. If it had been done, the range of the Balkan Pact would have largely exceeded that finally agreed upon. If it has been possible to induce Bulgaria to accede to this Pact and if the Pact itself could have been transformed into a complete alliance of the Balkan States instead of an agreement merely guaranteeing the common frontiers of the signatories, the present situation could have been handled much more easily and efficiently.

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IN this case, the Balkan Alliance would have comprised a population of over 50 millions with a wartime army of more than five millions and an abundance of raw materials unrivalled in Europe. This alliance would have resulted in the formation of a third Axis, which would have been able to negotiate or cooperate on an equal footing with the Great Powers and not only protect the interests of South-Eastern Europe, but, in view of its geographical situation, successfully contribute to the maintenance of the peace in Europe.

At that time, unfortunately, the Balkan States did not fully realise the necessities of the position. To protect themselves against the potential dangers of an alliance of considerable tension between Italy and Jugoslavia—the possibility of a conflict between those countries), they abstained from counting with the dangers that have actually arisen.

It is to be hoped that the Great Powers will realise in time the general trend of opinion in the Balkan States and the dangers that would be entailed by an attempt to change the post-war status quo in this part of the world.

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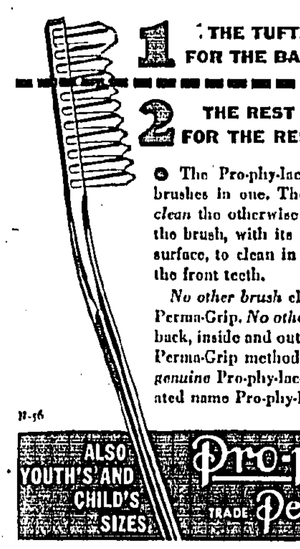

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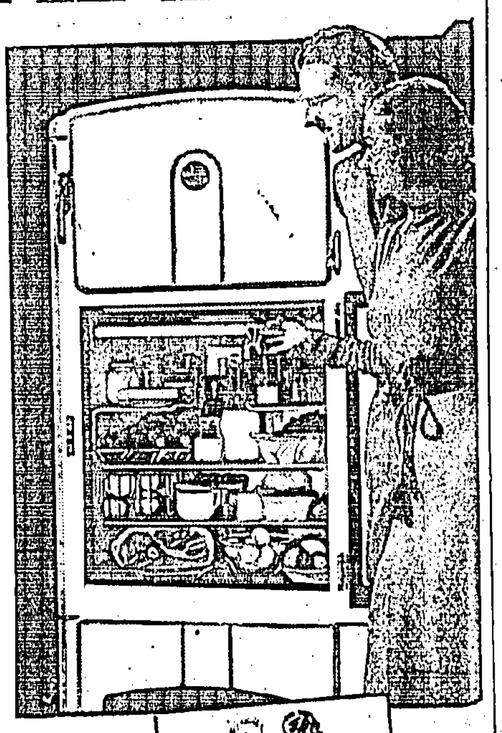

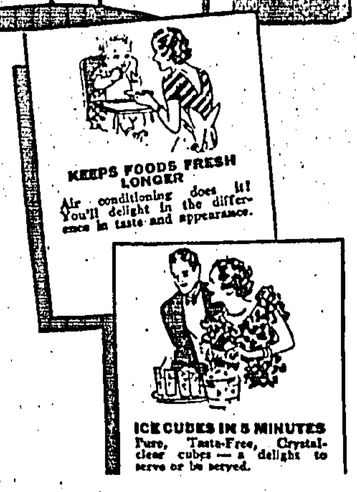

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Discouraging Nazi Tone On Col. Beck's Speech

No Hope Held Out Of Real Response

STUDIOUSLY MODERATE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON STATE THAT THE REPORT OF COLONEL BECK'S SPEECH BEFORE THE POLISH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON WITH LIVELY SATISFACTION.

It is felt that Colonel Beck has made the position of the Polish Government clear, and that he has done so in firm but yet in studiously moderate terms.

Whilst Colonel Beck has made it clear that Poland will not sacrifice interests which she believes would be vital to her independence, yet at the same time he has closed no doors and is ready to solve outstanding issues by the method of negotiations.—British Wireless.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due in Hong Kong from Manila at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, and will sail for Shanghai at noon on Friday.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Purely negative rejection of Germany's proposals is how quarters here describe Colonel Beck's speech yesterday.

Poland, it is contended, has turned down the offer of the Fuehrer for a new agreement regulating relations between the two countries.

The "unequivocally aggressive demands" put forward by Polish newspapers and the mobilization of Polish forces are seen in Berlin, with Colonel Beck's speech, as showing that Poland is not yet prepared to seek by pacific means a settlement of questions at issue between Germany and Poland.

Strong objection is taken to the way in which Colonel Beck put forth arguments "designed to mislead world opinion" by making it appear that no blame attaches to Poland for denunciation of the non-aggression pact.

CONCEALMENT?

Colonel Beck, it is contended, concealed that German proposals relating to Danzig and the Corridor were communicated to him months before the despatch of the recent German note. They were made known to him on the occasion of his visit to Hitler on the Obersalzberg in January last and again shortly afterwards when he saw the German Foreign Minister in Munich.

On neither of these occasions did the Polish Foreign Minister reply by saying, as he did in his speech, that proposals of this kind would knock the bottom out of the German-Polish agreement of 1934.

POLISH MOBILISATION

Colonel Beck is criticised for having neglected to mention the Polish mobilisation, based, it is contended, on false reports about German troop movements.

For the rest, the arguments advanced by the Polish Foreign Minister to account for his rejection of the German proposals relating to Danzig and the Polish Corridor are not held in Berlin to be convincing or sound. He has rejected the German suggestion of the return of Danzig to the Reich on the ground that such action would affect Polish export.

FREE ZONE

Another thing which has astonished Berlin is that Colonel Beck made no mention of the German offer of a free zone in Danzig. As regards the rejection of German demands for an extraterritorial motor-road through the Corridor, it is contended that Colonel Beck's arguments about the Corridor being mainly occupied by Poles has little to do with this question, although, it is recalled that since 1919, one million Germans have left Corridor territory.

For these reasons, it is maintained that the speech of the Polish Foreign Minister has done nothing to relax the tension and does not open the door to new negotiations. — Trans-Ocean.

DANZIG COMMENT

Danzig, Yesterday.

The "Danziger Vorposten" states that as the Fuehrer's offer will not be renewed, all that Colonel Beck had to say on that score was superfluous. Colonel Beck had emphasised that Poland was ready to enter into negotiations but no concrete evidence of this was furnished by the rest of the speech. Colonel Beck mentioned nothing that had not been already put into his mouth by the Polish press. The situation has not been changed in any way.—Trans-Ocean.

MORRIS DIVIDEND

The directors of Morris Motors to-day announced a dividend of 45 per cent on the £2,650,000 of Ordinary stock for the past year; this being the same as for each of the two preceding years. Net profits for 1938 are stated at £1,357,220, compared with £1,821,662 for 1937.

JAPANESE CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS

Tokyo, Yesterday.

No traveller from Japan to Shanghai, Tientsin or other regions where the Japanese yen is sold at a discount will be able to buy foreign currency at Japanese banks unless special permission has been obtained from the Japanese Ministry of Finance.

Travellers desiring foreign currencies for use in travelling to any destination whatever must produce passports in order that the bank concerned may stamp in the date and the amount of yen exchanged.

Both of these rulings, termed "advices," from the Japanese Ministry of Finance to all banks in Japan are in full effect on April 15th.

Residents of Japan desiring to travel to Shanghai or Peiping are expected to use Japanese currency.

Those carrying Japanese currency, however, must not take out Y100 bills. This is against the law because of the ease with which these bills facilitate the smuggling or illegal exchange of large amounts of Japanese money.

It is because regulations have been abused by persons securing funds at several banks that the requirement of writing the amount and date in passports has been effected. Each bank, as it issues foreign exchange, will make a note of the name and passport.—Reuter.

FULL REVUE AS FLOOR SHOW

Cowan and Bailey, popular entertainers who have thrilled Hong Kong audiences time and time again with their clever piano, songs and banjo routines, are booked for a limited engagement at the Hong Kong Hotel starting on Wednesday.

They are coming to Hong Kong before the opening of their new Cathay Cafe and Roof Garden which will be the most beautiful night club in the Far East.

The entire Cowan and Bailey Revue Company will appear at the Hong Kong Hotel on May 19 in the biggest and most entertaining floor show ever to play Hong Kong and from the past success of this popular revue, "Hollywood On Parade" it will be well to book far in advance.

B.F.R.D.C.

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of The British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch:

Previously acknowledged	$448,553.54
The Chinese Staff of Geo. K. Hall Brutton and Co.	142.38
The St. Stephen's College, Stanley	204.18
The Presbyterian Fellowship Union of New South Wales	186.17
The Workers of Tin Wah Hosiery Co.	18.20
The Staff of Dr. Li Shu Fan's Clinic	26.00
	$449,129.47

FIRMER SHARE MARKET UNDERTONE

Harriman, Blake & Co. Share Market report: — Very quiet conditions have prevailed this week, a state of affairs not surprising when one considers the uncertainty in all world stock and commodity markets.

At the week's end the Hong Kong share market shows a firmer undertone and buyers are out looking for bargains. H.K. Electrics came to business on Friday at $55½ which was a rise of $1.00 on the week. H.K. Trams firmed up to $16.30. China Lights 'old' to $8.35, and Hotels to $5.55. H.K. Bank shares registered a modest improvement, with recorded transactions at $1,370.00, and Unions were better by a point or two at $440.00.

Vibro Piling were taken up to $7¾, and are well supported at this. Marsman (Hong Kong), after early transactions at 4/6d, declined to 4/3½ sales, with this price bid at close.

The Manila market has subsided, to be more or less nominal, San Mauricios providing the only interest with a rise to over one Peso.

REPEATED JOLTS

Outputs are well maintained, but the repeated jolts administered to that market, (as to most others) by the alarmist news from Europe seems to have knocked the stuffing out of investors and bull operators alike, and it will probably take a week or two of lessening tension in Europe to restore confidence to that somewhat mercurial market.

Closing Comment:—Hong Kong shares look better and improvement is likely

Manila. Holders show disappointment at the sagging trend and Hong Kong investors await a lead from Manila.

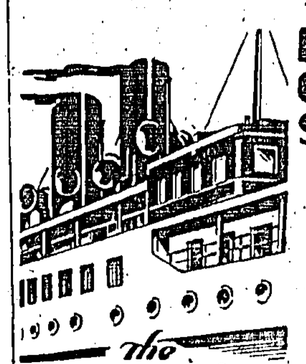
Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations yesterday morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank $1365 b., $1386 s., $1360 sa.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. $225 b.
Union Ins. $440 b., $442½ s.
SHIPPING
Douglases $67 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves $101 b., $101 sa.
H. K. Docks $16¾ b., $17 s., $16.60 sa.
Providents $4.30 b.
MINING
Antamoks Ps. .31½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .32½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 1.00 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .15 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .58 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels $5½ b., $5.55 sa.
H. K. Lands $32¾ b., $33¼ sa.
Humphreys $7¾ b., $7¼ sa.
H. K. Realties $4.10 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways $16.30 b.
Star Ferries $65 b.
China Lights (Old) $8.20 b., $8.30 sa.
China Lights (New) $5¼ b.
H. K. Electrics $55½ b., $55½ sa.
Macao Electrics $16.60 b., $16.80 sa.
Sandakan Lights $12 b.
Telephones (Old) $23¼ b.
INDUSTRIALS
Canton Ices $1 b.
Cements $12¼ b., $12.60 sa.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms, Ex. Rts. $20¾/21 sa.
Dairy Farms, Rights $15 b., $14.-70/15.10 sa.
Dairy Farms, Rights $15 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments $6¼ b.
Vibro Piling $7¾ sa.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 3¾% prem. b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 4/2 b.

MINE OUTPUT

Nielson and Co., Inc., Managers for the Hong Kong Mines, Limited report 4620 short dry tons of ore treated for the month of April; from which 477.9 short dry tons of Lead Concentrates were produced, averaging 62.87 percent Lead and 14.28 oz. Silver per ton.

Bell and Howell home movie cameras are the rage in Hollywood. On Friday Genevieve Tobin, the film actress, visited Filmo Depot in Marina House for accessories and paid high tribute to these popular cameras. William Keighley, her director husband, is also a loyal supporter and has taken thousands of feet of film during his Eastern tour.



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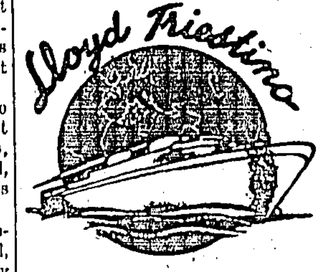

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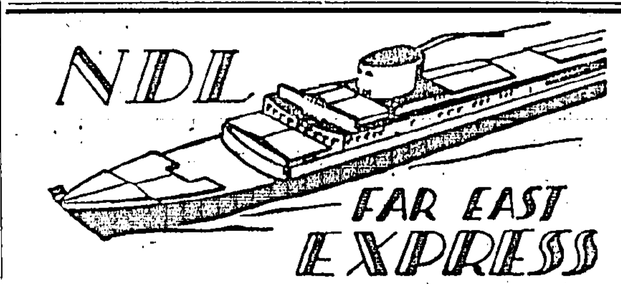

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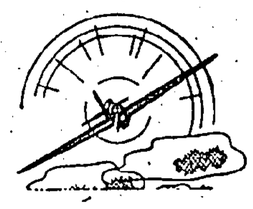

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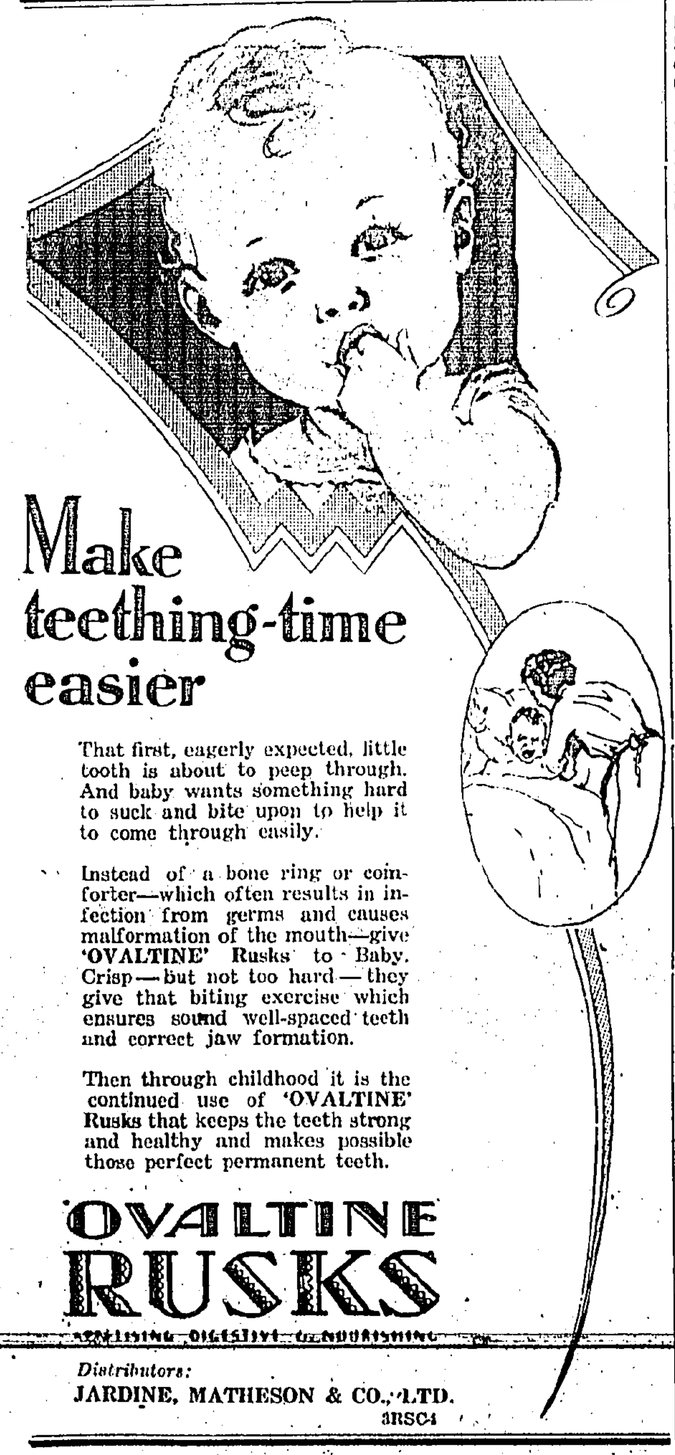

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Celtic Star Just Beats Rose Jane

GOOD dividends, substantial cash sweep prizes and keen racing combined to make Hong Kong Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting an outstanding success yesterday at Happy Valley in perfect weather and before a large and colourful crowd.

The track was in perfect condition, but fast times were not recorded.

Mr. Encarnacao was again the leading jockey—and very deservingly—with three wins and two seconds in six starts. Mr. Needa, who rode a great race on Celtic Star, also had three wins, a second and a third in eight outings. Mr. Lucky, as the result of wins from Some Hope and Sydney Lad, led the owners' list of successes with two wins and a second. Mr. Eu Tong Sen had a win, a second and two thirds and Mr. Li Lan Sang a win, a second and a third.

The "Daily Double" combination—Some Hope and Advancing Time—paid 18 backers $397.60 each for their $5.00 bet.

Strathroy Unplaced

The programme opened with a minor upset, Hectic View being beaten by 1½ lengths by English Cavalier (Mr. Encarnacao) after challenging late. Rose Emily, which was pacemaker, was third. The win dividend was $17.10 and the last half mile was covered in 0.57.0.

Papoose (Mr. Black) refused to run and practically walked round 1¼ miles.

Mr. Needa rode a perfectly judged race on S. L. K.'s Celtic Star to win the first section of the Mount Davis Handicap by half a length from Rose Jane, the favourite.

It was a triumph for sub. over griffin and paid its backers $24.30.

Pinfarthings, winner last time out, and Rose Evelyn set a very fast pace and for quite a distance held a lead of a dozen lengths. Rose Jane lessened the gap in the back straight and overhauled the leaders on the bend into the home straight, only to be passed by Celtic Star less than 50 yards from the post. Pinfarthing was third.

STRATHROY UNPLACED

The Brisbane Spring Handicap saw Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathroy (Mr. Black), favourite, run unplaced in a field of four.

Courting Eve, very ably ridden by Mr. Pih, led all the way round to win by 1½ lengths from Lucky Lad, which challenged a fraction too late after an opening half mile of 0.55.3, a third quarter of 0.27.0 and a last half mile of 0.52.3, last quarter 0.26.1. Snowy River was third. Courting Eve's win dividend was $36.20.

Rose-Queen's determined challenge over the last 50 yards resulted in Laughing Girl being beaten by 1½ lengths in the second section of the Mount Davis Handicap, which it appeared to have in its pocket. Bright View was third.

SOME HOPE'S FINE FINISH

Mr. Encarnacao handled Lucky's Some Hope in no uncertain manner when he brought the pony up from nowhere to win by a neck from Heddon in the first leg of the "Double". Gog was third. The win dividend was $25.80.

Leading all the way round, Criffel (Mr. Needa) won the Charters Towers Handicap by 3 lengths from Tornado Star, which came up with a rush to beat Blandford by 2 lengths for second place.

Advancing Time caused an upset in the second leg of the "Double" when it won easily from Ebony Idol, which was forced to share the second position with Night View, ridden by Mr. Encarnacao. The complete failure of Strathbannock, the favourite, and This Time enabled Ebony Idol to pay $51.20 and Night View $32.80. The winner paid $29.70.

Leading from the start, Mr. Needa secured his third win of the afternoon when Sydney Lad successfully held off the challenge of Baffin Bay and Bruno.

Boxed in and coming very near to bumping some 100 yards from the post, Starlet, favourite, did well to secure third place in the last race, which Wilber (Mr. Raymond) won by half a length from Clowner (Tao) to pay $20.40.

Results are as follows:

1.—**Mount Gough Handicap.**—1¼ Miles.
Eu Tong Sen's English Cavalier, 153 lbs., ...(C. Encarnacao) 1
Lan's Hectic View, 168 lbs., ...(H. C. Pih) 2
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Emily, 154 lbs., ...(W. G. Poy) 3
Also ran:—Forgotten Star, 148 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Jillian, 158 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); and Papoose, 161 lbs., (D. Black).
6 Starters. Won by 1½ lengths; ½ length. Time: 2.35.0.
Pari-mutuel, winner $17.10; places, 1st $5.50; 2nd $5.40; 3rd $6.20.

2.—**Mount Davis Handicap.**—First Section.—**About One Mile 171 Yards.**
S. L. K.'s Celtic Star, 148 lbs., ...(V. V. Needa) 1
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Jane, 165 lbs., ...(C. Encarnacao) 2
J. M. Smith's Pinfarthings, 161 lbs., ...(C. F. H. Churchill) 3
Also ran:—Galveston Bay, 149 lbs., (D. Black); Rose Evelyn, 158 lbs., (W. G. Poy); and Scenic View, 150 lbs., (H. C. Pih).
6 Starters. Won by ½ length; 2 lengths. Time: 2.13.4.
Pari-mutuel, winner $24.30; places, 1st $6.20; 2nd $5.60; 3rd $7.00.

3.—**Brisbane Spring Handicap.**—1¼ Miles.
Lan's Courting Eve, 158 lbs., ...(H. C. Pih) 1
Lucky's Lucky Lad, 162 lbs., ...(V. V. Needa) 2
Commodity's Snowy River, 157 lbs., ...(A. W. Raymond) 3
Also ran:—Strathroy, 155 lbs., (D. Black).
4 Starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 2½ lengths. Time: 2.15.1.
Pari-mutuel, winner $36.20; places, 1st $12.50; 2nd $6.90.

4.—**Mount Davis Handicap.**—Second Section.—**About One Mile 171 Yards.**
Billy's Rose-Queen, 158 lbs., ...(C. Encarnacao) 1
Dozen's Laughing Girl, 151 lbs., ...(S. C. Liang) 2
Lan's Bright View, 147 lbs., ...(Y. T. Fung) 3
Also ran:—Annas Bay, 161 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Bistre, 140 lbs., (H. P. Chanson); The Tigress, 145 lbs., (P. L. Chiu); and Tyne, 163 lbs., (K. I. Ip).
7 Starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 1½ lengths. Time: 2.19.0.
Pari-mutuel, winner $10.20; places, 1st $5.80; 2nd $6.80; 3rd $11.70.

5. — **"Hunchbacks" Plate. — Six Furlongs.**
Lucky's Some Hope, 151 lbs., ...(C. Encarnacao) 1
Gredka's Heddon, 151 lbs., ...(P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Mrs. B. Hall's Gog, 151 lbs., ...(V. V. Needa) 3
Also ran:—Ascot Vale, 151 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Black Diamond, 142 lbs., (Y. T. Fung); Bogey, 145 lbs., (C. F. H. Churchill); Bressay 159 lbs., (S. W. Tang); Charcoal, 146 lbs., (Tang Man Wa); Geordie, 151 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Green Bay, 151 lbs, (P. L. Chiu); Old Fashioned, 140 lbs., (Ho Hong Ping); Opening Batsman, (146 lbs., (K. I. Ip); Pall Mall, 152 lbs., (H. P. Chanson); Patriotic Day, 146 lbs., (Yeung Wing Kwai); Rose Day, 147 lbs., (S. C. Liang); Sea Horse, 156 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Talkative, 154 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Thanksgiving Day, 150 lbs., (Ip Kui Ying); The Buccaneer 144 lbs., (B. L. Tao); The Mermaid, 143 lbs., (C. F. Chiu); The Spirit of St. Louis, 147 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Welcome, 157 lbs., (F. F. Li); and West Lake, 148 lbs., (H. C. Pih).
23 Starters. Won by ¾ neck; 2 lengths. Time 1.32.0.
Pari-mutuel, winner $25.80; places, 1st $9.60; 2nd $19.20; 3rd $20.60.

6.—**Charters Towers Handicap.**—**About One Mile 171 Yards.**
John Peel's Criffel, 160 lbs. .....(V. V. Needa) 1
C. W. K.'s Tornado Star, 150 lbs. .....(P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Eu Tong Sen's Blandford, 165 lbs. .....(W. G. Poy) 3
Also ran:—Brutus, 133 lbs., (G. Treverton); Rising Star, 135 lbs., (S. W. Pan); and Scarlett O'Hara, 152 lbs., (R. L. Boody).
6 starters. Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 1.58.4.
Pari-mutuel, winner $14.60; places, 1st $5.20; 2nd $5.40; 3rd $5.20.

7.—**Taimoshan Handicap. — First Section.—One Mile.**
H. & W.'s Advancing Time, 161 lbs. .....(Ho Hong Ping) 1
*H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Ebony Idol, 147 lbs. .....(B. A. Proulx) 2
*Lan's Night View, 168 lbs. .....(C. Encarnacao) 2
Also ran:—Coronation Day, 140 lbs., (S. W. Tang); Dekko, 145 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); Double Chance, 166 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Estover, 159 lbs., (B. L. Tao); Fei Ying, 140 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Flybynight, 141 lbs., (Ip Kui Ying); Gold Coin, 168 lbs., (F. F. Li); Gold Sovereign, 140 lbs., (P. L. Chiu); Plain View, 140 lbs., (H. C. Pih); Portrush, 140 lbs., (K. I. Ip); Strathbannock, 166 lbs., (D. Black); This Time, 148 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Tribute, 140 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); and Valorous, 150 lbs., (R. M. Wood).
* dead heat.
17 starters. Won by 2 lengths; dead heat. Time: 2.03.3.
Pari-mutuel, winner $29.70; places, 1st $15.80; 2nd $51.20 (Ebony Idol). $32.80 (Night View).

8.—**Canterbury Park Handicap.**—**About One Mile 171 Yards.**
Lucky's Sydney Lad, 158 lbs. .....(V. V. Needa) 1
L. Dunbar's Baffin Bay, 144 lbs. .....(P. T. Y. Wei) 2
G. Treverton's Bruno, 155 lbs. .....(C. F. H. Churchill) 3
Also ran:—Ajax, 152 lbs., (A. W. Raymond); Helium, 140 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); and Poconos, 140 lbs., (D. Black).
6 starters. Won by ¾ length; 2 lengths. Time: 2.02.0.
Pari-mutuel, winner $11.20; places, 1st $5.40; 2nd $6.00; 3rd $5.50.

9.—**Taimoshan Handicap.**—Second Section.—**One Mile.**
Marber 1's Wilber, 147 lbs. .....(A. W. Raymond) 1
Levis's Clowner, 155 lbs., ...(B. L. Tao) 2
D. L.'s Starlet, 151 lbs., ...(P. L. Chiu) 3
Also ran:—Diogenes, 151 lbs., (D. Black); Guinness Time, 148 lbs., (C. Encarnacao); Jack O'Lantern, 155 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Lancashire Chap, 142 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Magog, 144 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Meteor, 159 lbs., (C. F. H. Churchill); Phoenix, 148 lbs., (F. F. Li); Sports Venture, 148 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Tempest, 162 lbs., (S. C. Liang); Whalsey, 150 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Wild Bear, 140 lbs., (H. C. Pih); and Zero, 161 lbs., (R. L. Boody).
15 starters. Won by ½ length; ½ length. Time: 2.06.1.
Pari-mutuel, winner $20.40; places, 1st $8.70; 2nd $19.50; 3rd $9.50.

HOW SELECTIONS FARED

Yesterday's race selections resulted as follows:

"Rapier" ("The China Mail") ..... 3 wins.
"Early Bird" ("S.C. Morning Post") ..... 3 wins.
"Last Quarter" ("H.K. Daily Press") ..... 3 wins.
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K.C.C. LEAGUE CRICKET WIN CELEBRATED

Cricketing members of Kowloon Cricket Club celebrated their successes on the cricket field during the past season with a dinner and smoking concert at the Club last night.

About 30, including the president, His Honour Mr. Justice Lindsell, and the vice-president, Mr. Ezra Abraham, attended.

Following dinner, the president presented the Hong Kong Junior Cricket League Shield to the captain of the 2nd XI, Mr. W. Mulcahy, and souvenirs to all members of the victorious team.

WEEK'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

The following first-class cricket matches commence on Wednesday next:

Lord's—Middlesex v Essex.
Oval—Surrey v Worcestershire.
Northampton—Northamptonshire v Hampshire.
Hove—Sussex v Somerset.
Liverpool—Lancashire v West Indies.
Oxford—Oxford University v Derbyshire.
Cambridge—Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire.

Saturday's programme is as follows:

Lord's—M.C.C. v West Indies.
Chesterfield—Derbyshire v Surrey.
Bristol—Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.
Portsmouth—Hampshire v. Warwickshire.
Manchester—Lancashire v Somerset.
Leicester—Leicestershire v Sussex.
Nottingham — Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan.
Leeds—Yorkshire v Kent.
Cambridge—Cambridge University v Middlesex.

U.B. Beer Team Beat Recreio In Baseball Opener

A LARGE crowd turned out to see the first baseball game of the season, Club de Recreio v. U.B. Beer, held on Royal Navy Recreation Club ground, Caroline Hill, yesterday afternoon, and which resulted in a win for U.B. by 8 runs to 4.

Mr. Addison E. Southard, United States Consul-General, started the game by pitching the first ball.

Contrary to the general notion that Hong Kong is not baseball conscious, spectators at the game more than showed their appreciation of the game by shouting in the approved baseball fan manner.

U. B. started the massacre by knocking two players home in the first frame, when A. R. Abbas and T. Leonard crossed the plate.

M. Arculli pitched throughout the game and held the Recreio boys to only 4 runs right through the game, while U.B. Beer squad smacked the ball all over the field with admirable thoroughness and abandon. H. Wing Lee, behind the home plate for U.B., was the best catcher.

Pereira, pitching for Recreio, though good, was up against batters who were merciless in their slugging. Best catches of the game went to Carlos Marques, centre-field for Recreio, who played a fine part in the cabbage patch, while second honours in the same field go to S. Leonard, who made a beautiful catch and then repeated the performance until he was yanked in the sixth inning to allow A. Paulino to guard his position.

Playing the hidden ball trick against U.B., Recreio successfully put out S. Leonard, who didn't realize that shortstop Tony Alves of Recreio had the ball concealed in his hands.

Batting honours go to T. Leonard, first bagger, D. Leonard, short stop, and M. Arculli, all of U.B., who each crossed the plate twice.

Recreio up for the last chance at bat, tried desperately to knock a homer or get a man home, but were unfortunate in not being able to do so, owing to the tight pitching of M. Arculli and the tighter fielding of the "cabbage patch" players.

Recreio: — Pereira, A. Alvares, Barros, Miko Mendonca, Prata, Tony Alves, J. Alvares, Carlos Marques and Charlie Figueirido.

U.B. Beer—M. Arculli, H. Wing Lee, T. Leonard, G. Souza, G. Hussain, D. Leonard, S. Bux, S. Leonard and A. R. Abbas.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

The following is to-day's baseball programme:

Chinese Baseball Club v. U. S. S. Mindanao.
(Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.).

Hong Kong Baseball Club v. South China A.A.
(Caroline Hill, 11.30 a.m.).

KELLY TO MEET TARLETON

Spider Kelly (Londonderry), British and Empire feather-weight champion, will fight Nel Tarleton (Liverpool) over 12 rounds at 9 st 2 lbs at Liverpool Stadium on May 11.

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AN interesting football match was witnessed on the Central British School ground yesterday when the Old Boys defeated the School eleven by 8 goals to 5 after scoring three goals each before the interval.

Shortly after the whistle, Wilson, centre-forward, scored two quick goals for the Old Boys, following which the School equalised and went ahead through their centre-forward, Pryde, who registered a deserved "hat trick". Wilson, well supported by his inside-forwards, however, equalised before the interval.

On the resumption the School were kept on the defensive throughout, the Old Boys taking a 4—3 lead through Wilson. During the latter stage of the half Pryde equalised, only for Wilson, Hollidge, Maycock (2) to score for the Old Boys. In the last minute, however, Odell, left-back, made a spirited rush up field and scored for the School to make the score 8—5 in favour of the visitors.

The match was umpired by J. H. Odell and the teams were:

Old Boys: T. M. Sulter, T. Lockhart and V. Millington; J. Henderson, W. E. Macfarlane and T. Maycock; C. Salter, P. Wilson, D. Hollidge and D. Sommers.

Present Senior XI: R. Lawrence; J. Rousseau and A. Odell; V. Vorobioff, R. Rolfe and F. Neville; K. Meffan, A. Brown, W. Pryde, R. Jernakoff and J. Greenwood.

RIFLE MEET TO-DAY

The annual rifle meeting of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, postponed from last Sunday, will be held to-day. All arrangements will be the same as for the original date.

LAWN TENNIS

Singles Final Tomorrow

The annual open tennis tournament, under the auspices of Hong Kong Cricket Club, is to conclude on Wednesday, on which day the Doubles Final will be played, following which will be the distribution of prizes won in the Colony events as well as Club events.

There is certain to be a capacity crowd to-morrow to watch the Singles Final, which will be contested by Tsui Wai-pui, holder, and his brother Tsui Yan-pui, finalists in the 1938 Hardcourt Singles Championship.

The latter is probably the only player in the Colony at the moment who might conceivably secure a victory, and the game should be exceedingly keen and well-contested.

On Tuesday, W. Sander is expected to beat H. J. Armstrong in the Final of the Club Championship.

On Wednesday, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, who caused such a sensation by beating the Rumjahns in the Semi-Final, will be opposed to the Tsui brothers and, if they can reproduce the form they displayed in their last match, may provide an even greater sensation by winning the title. Their mode of play is such that it is quite likely to put the Tsuis off their game.

The following is the week's programme:

TO-MORROW

Open Singles Final
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) v Tsui Yan-pui.

TUESDAY

Club Championship Final
W. Sander v H. J. Armstrong.

WEDNESDAY

Open Doubles Final
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (holders) v Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing.

SATURDAY

Exhibitions

W. A. H. Duff and L. Goldman v Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

EXHIBITIONS NEXT SATURDAY

An interesting programme of exhibition match has been arranged for Saturday in aid of the British Fund for The Relief of Distress in China.

In the first game W. A. H. Duff and L. Goldman will meet Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, while the second game will be between the Rumjahn cousins and the Tsui brothers.

Price of admission will be $1.50 and $1.00.

MACAO TO MEET EASTERN THIS AFTERNOON

A return soccer match between Eastern and Macao will be played this afternoon on the Club ground Happy Valley, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

Eastern visited Macao prior to the Interport and were beaten.

The following are the teams:—

Macao:—D. Carvalho; Lam Sau-lan and F. Lobato; A. Nito de Souza, A. Airosa and A. Cordova; M. Rego, A. Collaco (Captain), F. Guerreiro, C. Armante and J. Lopes.

Reserve:—A. Badaraco.

Eastern:—Tsui Hang or Lau Hin-lan; Kwong Sing-king and Tsang Chung-wan; Lo Wai-kuen, Hau King-sing and Lau Chi-chan; Chan Bing-to, Ng Ki-ching, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Man-chi and Yu Hop-hing.

K.C.C. LEAGUE TENNIS PRACTICE

Following last Sunday's opening try-out for the Tennis League season, Kowloon Cricket Club have decided to hold a practice afternoon on Sunday next, May 14, at 2.30 p.m., when the following players who, it is expected, will participate in the League teams, are asked to turn out:

Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Mrs. Smeby, Mrs. Eymard, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cavern, and Miss V. Bradbury.

Messrs. D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, F. A. Broadbridge, R. T. Broadbridge, K. Broch, W. Crabb, A. Crawford, A. Duncan, E. Eymard, E. C. Fincher, A. L. Fisher, W. Gillard, W. M. Gittins, F. Grose, S. A. Gray, A. E. P. Guest, B. D. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar, D. Orr, A. M. G. Philippens, B. Soltau, W. Turner, H. Burson and A. V. White.

Any of these players who cannot play on Sunday next are requested to inform the K.C.C. Tennis Convener.

Tourney Off

It has also been decided, owing to lack of entries, to cancel the American tennis tournament at the K.C.C., originally arranged for to-day.

K.C.C. LOSE MRS. WILLIAMS

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Williams, who was considered a certainty for Kowloon Cricket Club's senior mixed doubles tennis team, will not be playing tennis during the coming season.

It is understood that she is acting on medical advice.

I.R.C. SPORTS TO-DAY

The eighth annual athletic sports of Indian Recreation Club will be held at Sookunpoo, commencing at 1.30 p.m. to-day.

Mrs. C. Rahim will present the prizes.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH CHINA BEAT NAVY

South China beat Navy by 6 goals to 3 in a football match at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

The game was very even during the first half, the only goal scored being that by Yeung Shui-yick, South China's right-winger.

After the resumption, Kwok Ying-ki, centre-forward, netted South China's second goal, but a few minutes later Hesselton, centre-forward, replied for Navy and Cuthbert, left-half, equalised the scores. Yeung Shui-yick scored again, following which Cheung Kam-hoi, inside-right, increased South China's lead with two successive goals. Armstrong, right-winger, managed to break through and netted Navy's third and last goal. Just before the end South China scored again, through Kwok Ying-ki.

LAST Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY GAMES OF SEASON

The two matches arranged last week by European Y.M.C.A. as a wind-up to their hockey season and which were postponed on account of rain were played yesterday afternoon.

Although losing by the only goal of the match, scored by Greenburg in the first half, "Y" Ladies, Caer Clark Cup champions, had just as much of the game as their male opponents, "Y" 2nd XI, and were worth at least a division of the spoils.

Their defence gave a stalwart display and proved more than equal to the individual movements instituted by their opponents.

Miss Fowler was particularly difficult to pass and she was well supported by Mrs. Stone.

Most impressive forward was Miss Harker, who combined very nicely with Mrs. Burnett on the right-wing.

Millington gave a sound display in the men's goal and but for him the ladies would have scored on at least three occasions.

Greenburg was very fast and tricky in the forward line and was always dangerous, while H. Smits was sound in defence.

The ladies were without the services of Miss H. Bockler at inside-left.

CIVILIANS HOLD SERVICES

Following this game, the Civilian members of Y.M.C.A. met the Service members and after a fast, robust game, drew 2-all.

Outstanding for the Services were Austen and Bartlett, while Krauss, McLellan and Smith worked hard for the Civilians.

Last Match Of Season

The Hong Kong hockey season will be officially wound up to-day with the annual match between Civilians and Combined Services, to be held on Club ground, King's Park, at 4 p.m.

The following will represent the Civilians:—

J. J. King (C.B.A.); V. C. Bond (Club) and A. E. P. Guest (Radio); R. J. Reed (Nomads), W. A. Reed (Club) (Capt.), and N. Whitley (Club); S. A. Fowler (Club), G. Singh (Radio), G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.), Pyara Singh (K.L.T.C.) and J. Wall (Police).

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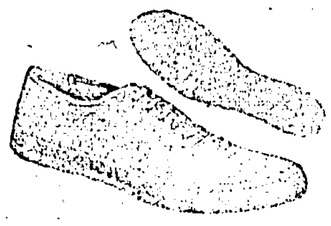

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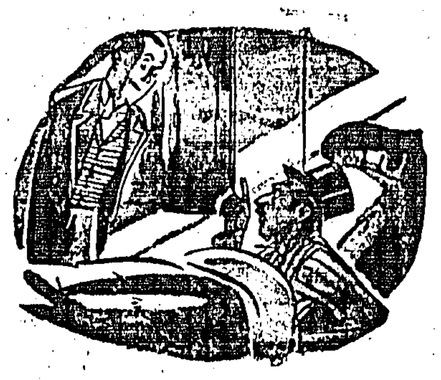

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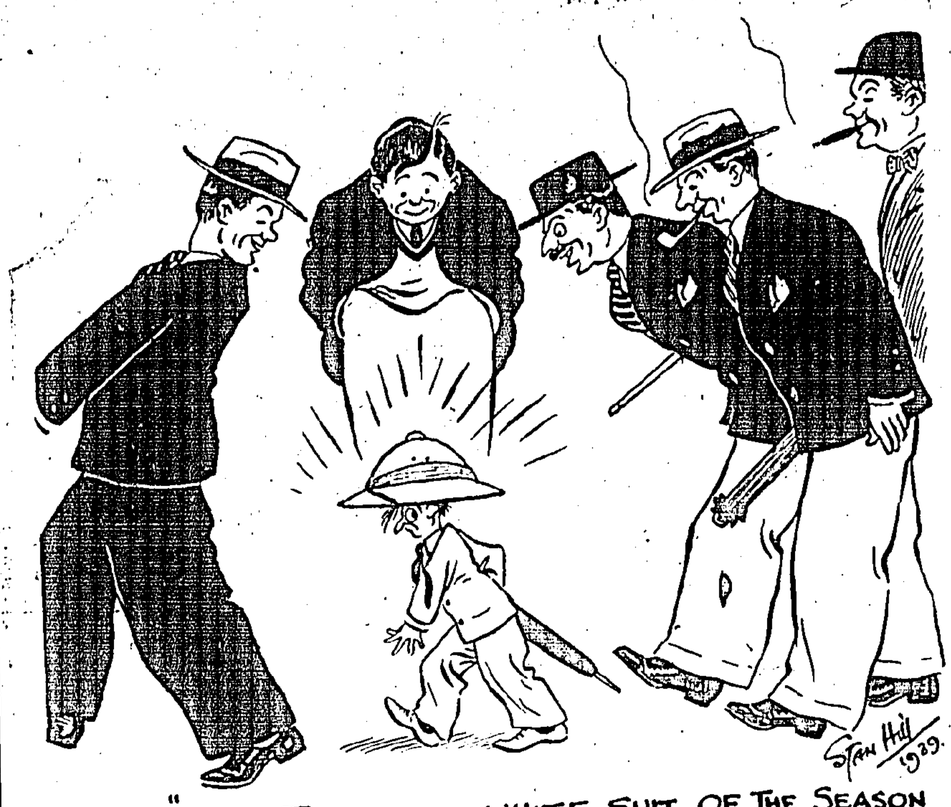

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12.15 p.m.—Bach—Suite No. 3 In D Major. The Adolf Busch Chamber Players. Musical Direction and Leader: Adolf Busch.
12.37 p.m.—Violin Solos by Kreisler. Gavotte (from Partita No. 3 in E Major—Bach-Kreisler); Rondino On A Theme By Beethoven (Kreisler)....with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp.
12.44 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Entrance Of The Little Fauns (Pierne, arr. Mouton) ....Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orch.
Fantome (Daniderff); Serenade Passionee (Silesu) ..Jean Lensen & His Orchestra.
Neapolitan Nights (Zamecnik); The Midnight Waltz (Amodio) .. London Novelty Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Grieg — Concerto In A Minor, Op. 16. Arthur De Greef (Piano) and The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Act 3. Singers in order of appearance: Doris Vane; Heddle Nash; Robert Easton; Miram Licette; with Sir Thomas Beecham and Symphony Orchestra.
2.30 p.m.—Close down.
7 p.m.—Half an hour of Revel's Compositions with his Daphnis and Chloe Suite.
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Introduction and Allegro For Harp With Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment . . Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockerill, R. Murchie and C. Draper.
Jeux D'Eau ..... Alfred Cortot (Piano).
Daphnis And Chloe—Suite Symphonique....Walter Straram Orchestra (Paris) conducted by Phillippe Gaubert.
7.30 p.m.—Two Songs by Hugo Wolf sung by Herbert Janssen (Baritone).
Der Musikant; Der Freund . . .with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore (Sung in German).
7.38 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Choral No. 1 In E Major For Organ. Albert Schweitzer at the Organ of Ste. Aurelie, Strasbourg.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio — String Quartet (Sitson Ma, Sic Hon Ma, Anton Ho and Ettore Pellegatti) playing a Haydn Quartet.
8.45 p.m.—Selections from Mozart's Operas.
"Marriage Of Figaro"—Overture ....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Clemens Krauss.
"The Magic Flute"—Ah! I Knew It ....Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.
"Don Giovanni"—Champagne Aria; Serenade ..... Gerhard Husch (Baritone) with the Berlin State Opera Orchestra (Sung in German).
Madamina ..... F. Ollendorff (Bass) with two Piano accomp. (Sung in Italian).
"Idomeneo"—Sanfte Winde, folgt dem Teuren..... Vera Schwarz (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
"The Magic Flute"—A Fowler Bold in Me You See; A Maiden Fair and Tender.....Ewald Bohmer (Baritone) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by C Schmalstich (Sung in German).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay — Sunday News and Newsletter.
9.35 p.m.—London Relay—Sports Talk and Saturday Sport.
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Walter Widdop (Tenor).
Comfort Ye, My People ('Messiah' —Handel); Every Valley Shall Be Exalted ('Messiah'—Handel) . . .with Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.
9.55 p.m.—Handel—Concertos Nos. 7 & 13 For Organ And Orchestra. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates Organist: Herbert Dawson.
10.02 p.m.—Dr. E. Bullock at the Organ of Westminster Abbey. Organ Concerto In B Flat (Handel). "Water Music" Suite—Movement In D (Handel).
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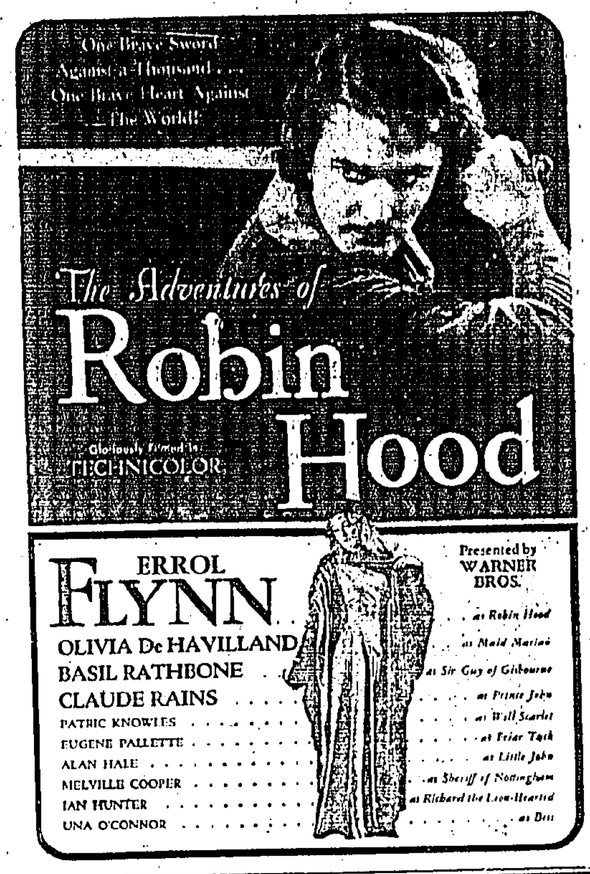

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INDIAN BOWLERS WIN AT K.B.G.C.

Recreio Reveal Championship Form On The Police Green

K.F.C. LOSE SURPRISINGLY BUT KOWLOON TONG WIN

TWO surprises featured the Second Division programme, Civil Service winning on two rinks to beat Kowloon Football Club, promoted team, by 23 shots, and Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, also a promoted team, beating Hong Kong Football Club by 3 shots, thanks to A. Spary's rink.

Taikoo won on two of the three rinks against Police.

Bill Hollands established an early superiority over R. Wallace, leading 19-8 at the 11th end, and won comfortably by 8 shots, but G. C. Moss, after levelling 10-all at the 13th following an adverse score of 10-3 at the 9th end, was outplayed at the latter ends by J. C. Chambers, who finished up with 2, 3, 0, 2, 0, 1, 5, 2 to win by 12 shots.

On the other rink D. Munro's consistency proved A. Alexander's undoing and the former won by 7 shots after collecting 12 from eight successive ends.

CRAIGENGOWER SUPERIORITY

Craigengower took no chances against K.B.G.C., winning on all three rinks and scoring the highest aggregate of the afternoon—75.

T. Armstrong was given little rope by M. A. R. Souza, who, not satisfied with a 17-6 lead at the 11th end, chalked up 15 as the result of six successive ends. Only a 2 and 5 at the last two ends saved Armstrong from a noteworthy defeat.

J. Cavanagh had the satisfaction of recording a six at the 6th end against G. E. F. Thompson, who had to wait until the 18th end before he entered double figures.

Led throughout, J. G. Meyer levelled at 19-all at the 20th end, only to see W. K. Way score a four for victory at the last end.

FOOTBALLERS OUTPLAYED

T. Fergusson's rink was the only one to hold Civil Service in check in their match against Kowloon Football Club.

Fergusson, led 18-13 by W. Hillyer, scored 9 from the last five ends to win 22-19. W. Field, leading 7-3 at the 6th end was led from then on, except when he tied with S. Eccleshall at 11-all at the 12th end, and lost by 6 shots. J. Gibson was in arrears from the very start against W. Bagley, who scored a 5 and three 4's to win 33-13.

SPARY'S BIG WIN

A. Spary was the only Kowloon Tong skip to win against Hong Kong Football Club "A", but his 21-shots success over A. Brooksbank, who scored at only five ends, gave his team two points by three shots. Spary was extraordinarily consistent his highest tallies in a total of 28 was one four and one three! He led 20-1 at the 14th end, when tea was taken and his win by 21 shots was the highest individual win of the afternoon.

H. Gittins was always in trouble against N. Bebbington and never looked like winning. He was led 17-7 at tea. A. H. Basto, leading 12-3 at the 7th end, was 17-13 down to Jake Selby at ten and scored only one more single after that to lose by 11 shots.

C.C.C. BEAT K.B.G.C.

At the Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 27 shots:

C.C.C.		K.B.G.C.	
W. J. Penny		R. P. Phillips	
N. P. Karanjia		V. C. Dixon	
T. Lock		J. S. Logan	
W. K. Way (Skip)	23	J. G. Meyer (Skip)	19
J. Xavier		H. White	
D. A. Rosario		L. G. Coombes	
H. W. Randall		D. Waterton	
M. A. R. Souza (Skip)	32	T. Armstrong (Skip)	17
A. J. Coelho		T. Searle	
B. W. Whiteman		K. C. Hamilton	
M. J. Medina		H. E. Drew	
J. Cavanagh (Skip)	20	G. E. F. Thompson (Skip)	12
Totals	75		48

TAIKOO TRIUMPH

At the Valley, Taikoo Dock Recreation Club beat Police Recreation Club by 11 shots.

P.R.C.		Taikoo	
J. Headridge		W. Melrose	
S. R. Farlow		M. Gillies	
J. McWalter		T. Stainton	
G. C. Moss (Skip)	13	J. Chambers (Skip)	25
B. McDonald		R. Main	
D. Fitches		T. Grimes	
J. Riddell		W. Seath	
A. Alexander (Skip)	13	D. Munro (Skip)	20
W. Fraser		W. Bovaird	
P. Johnson		W. Cunningham	
D. Kelly		J. Polson	
W. E. Hollands (Skip)	26	R. Wallace (Skip)	18
Totals	52		63

CIVIL SERVANTS WIN

At Chatham Road, Kowloon Football Club lost to Civil Service Cricket Club by 23 shots.

K.F.C.		C.S.C.C.	
J. Eastman		J. Purvis	
A. Moss		E. Bradshaw	
P. Younghusband		L. Whant	
T. Fergusson (Skip)	22	W. Hillyer (Skip)	19
B. Evans		A. Stephens	
R. Hughes		F. Austin	
W. Simpson		A. B. Allan	
W. Field (Skip)	16	S. Eccleshall (Skip)	22
R. Hall		E. Kerman	
J. T. Smalley		D. Crawley	
V. Chittenden		W. Burling	
J. Gibson (Skip)	13	W. Bagley (Skip)	33
Totals	51		74

K. TONG JUST WIN

At Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Hong Kong Football Club by 3 shots.

Kowloon Tong		H.K.F.C.	
A. E. Castro		J. S. Howell	
Y. Abbas		E. L. Strange	
A. J. Kew		J. Beach	
A. H. Basto (Skip)	14	J. A. R. Selby (Skip)	25
J. N. Wong		W. Kershaw	
T. M. Gregory		G. E. Stephens	
W. J. Howard		L. Lammert	
H. Gittins (Skip)	14	N. Bebbington (Skip)	21
C. Mose		R. P. Shaw	
J. J. Tang		C. B. Robertson	
J. L. Stephens		W. J. Reid	
A. Spary (Skip)	28	A. Brooksbank (Skip)	7
Totals	56		53

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon B.G.C.	(71) 50	Indian R.C.	(56) 66
Kowloon Dock R.C.	(59) 40	Craigengower C.C.	(49) 74
Police R.C.	(50) 46	Club de Recreio "A"	(65) 68
Club de Recreio "B"	(—) 45	Kowloon C.C.	(—) 70

SECOND DIVISION

Craigengower C.C.	(94) 75	Kowloon B.G.C.	(39) 48
Kowloon Football Club	(—) 51	Civil Service C.C.	(—) 74
Kowloon Tong	(—) 56	H.K. Football Club	(—) 53
Police R.C.	(51) 52	Taikoo Dock R.C.	(58) 63

THIRD DIVISION

Craigengower C.C.	(51) 40	Club de Recreio	(65) 70
Kowloon B.G.C.	(—) 52	H.K. Football Club	(—) 65
Yacht Club	(47) 58	Kowloon C.C.	(69) 68
Kowloon Football Club	(—) 61	H.K. Electric R.C.	(—) 57

Scores in brackets are results of corresponding matches last year.

Kowloon Cricket Club Show Great Promise

Craigengower Record Biggest Win of Afternoon

GLORIOUS weather favoured the opening of the 1939 Lawn Bowls League yesterday and the opportunity was taken to decide four matches in each Division.

One major upset featured the First Division programme, Kowloon Bowling Green Club going down at home to Indian R.C., who they trounced severely in the corresponding match last season. There were 16 shots in it yesterday, the Indians winning on two rinks and tieing on the third.

The other three First Division games resulted as expected.

K.C.C. won on all three rinks against Recreio "B".

Frank Goodwin, leading 12-4 at the 8th end was led 14-12 by F. X. Soares at the 12th end, when ten was taken, but he regained the lead at the first end after the interval and, scoring 1, 1, 1, 0, 2, 2 at the last six ends, won by 3 shots.

E. Kern was never in difficulties against B. Basto and, after leading 14-6 at ten, won by 13 shots. Basto scored at only seven ends.

Teddy Fincher, leading 14-3 at ten, was outplayed after the interval, when J. J. Basto, aided by a 5, scored 11 to Fincher's 9 to lose by 9 shots.

BIG WIN FOR ALVES

Recreio "A" won on all three rinks against Police, who lost by 22 shots, mainly due to Wally Muir's defeat by 17 shots at the hands of H. A. Alves, who led throughout. A. E. Carey started off very well against C. G. Silva, leading 9-5 at the 4th end, 12-6 at the 7th, 18-13 at the 15th and 19-17 at the 18th. Silva then scored three singles for a one shot win.

J. Orem, led 17-4 at the 12th end, scored 2, 4, 2 to make it 17-12, but though winning as many of the remaining heads as his opponent he was forced to admit defeat by 20-16.

MINU AND HOLLAND TIE

I.R.C. did not lose on any rink against the Bowling Green, but A. R. Minu required a single at the last end to tie with Adam Holland after leading 13-1 at the 6th end, 15-7 at the 11th end and 21-17 at the 17th end.

Though he led 11-10 at the 12th end, W. Macfarlane could not hold M. R. Abbas, who scored 12 from eight of the last nine ends to win 22-12, Bob Duncan led A. R. Dallah 16-10 at the 14th end and failed to score again, the Indian skip winning 22-16.

RECORD C.C.C. WIN

Craigengower proved too good for Kowloon Dock, winning comfortably on all three rinks to secure two points by the large margin of 34 shots, the highest team win of the afternoon.

U. M. Omar led J. C. Brown 12-2 at ten and won 25-10, his opponent scoring at only six ends. Dick Basa, led 13-8 by F. Cullen at the ten interval, scored at nine of the remaining ends to win 22-16. B. W. Bradbury, who forsook the races and the opportunity of seeing Wilber win, was led 12-8 by S. Gray at ten, but he never looked back after levelling at 14-all at the 15th end, finishing up with 1, 1, 2, 4, 1, 1, 3 to win 27-14.

DOCKS WELL BEATEN

At Hunghom, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Docks Recreation Club by 34 shots.

K.D.R.C.		C.C.C.	
P. B. Parks		A. A. Razack	
M. Ferguson		W. Ward	
B. Lapsley		A. M. Omar	
J. C. Brown (Skip)	10	U. M. Omar (Skip)	25
A. M. Calman		J. S. Landolt	
H. G. Cooper		L. C. R. Souza	
J. Kempton		C. S. Rosselet	
F. Cullen (Skip)	16	R. Basa (Skip)	22
J. V. Ramsey		J. W. Leonard	
W. D. McMaster		K. M. Omar	
R. Morrison		A. E. Conles	
S. Gray (Skip)	14	B. W. Bradbury (Skip)	27
Totals	40		74

INDIANS BEAT K.B.G.C.

At Austin Road, Indian Recreation Club beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 16 shots.

K.B.G.C.		I.R.C.	
A. S. Russell		D. M. Khan	
L. A. R. Duncan		A. M. Wahab	
A. J. Hall		M. Y. Adal	
R. Duncan (Skip)	16	A. R. Dallah (Skip)	22
W. L. Walker		J. Hoosen	
J. E. Robson		S. M. Rumjahn	
J. C. Gill		A. R. Minu	
A. M. Holland (Skip)	22	A. K. Minu (Skip)	22
F. Cheesman		A. H. Rumjahn	
S. M. White		A. Bakar	
W. S. Drake		A. O. Madar	
W. Macfarlane (Skip)	12	M. R. Abbas (Skip)	22
Totals	50		66

K.C.C. WIN EASILY

At King's Park, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Club de Recreio "B" by 25 shots.

Recreio "B"		K.C.C.	
C. C. Pereira		V. C. Labrum	
A. M. Xavier		J. W. M. Brown	
A. A. Remedios		H. Nish	
F. X. Soares (Skip)	19	F. Goodwin (Skip)	22
C. F. Vas		G. Lee	
D. C. Alves		W. Mulcahy	
C. R. Pereira		J. Hyde	
B. Basto (Skip)	12	E. Kern (Skip)	25
F. A. Machado		W. Hyde	
C. H. Basto		T. A. Madar	
F. V. V. Ribeiro		H. Overy	
J. J. Basto (Skip)	14	E. C. Fincher (Skip)	23
Totals	45		70

RECREIO BEAT POLICE

At the Valley, Club de Recreio "A" beat Police Recreation Club by 22 shots:

Police R.C.		Recreio "A"	
J. Forrest		C. M. Silva	
W. McHardy		J. F. V. Ribeiro	
C. Perkins		L. J. Silva	
J. Orem (Skip)	16	F. X. Silva (Skip)	20
W. McLeod		L. F. Xavier	
C. Dowman		C. E. Marques	
J. Shepherd		J. Noronha	
A. E. Carey (Skip)	19	C. C. Silva (Skip)	20
J. Brown		J. Luz	
W. Channing		A. P. Guterres	
J. Fender		R. F. Luz	
W. Muir (Skip)	11	H. A. Alves (Skip)	28
Totals	46		68

THREE SIXES RECORDED

Only three skips registered six or better at a nigh head yesterday afternoon. They are as follows:

SECOND DIVISION
J. Cavanagh (C.C.C.).
THIRD DIVISION
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.).
W. H. B. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.).

K.B.G.C. Lose In All Three Divisions

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club enjoyed a poor start in the League Bowls race yesterday, losing in all three divisions, their defeat in the Third Division providing the only surprise in this section.

Only one K.C.C. rink won against Yacht Club, but Tommy Carr's 33-16 success over R. H. Wild gave the mainland team a 10-shots triumph for their second brace of points this season—they beat Recreio by 20 shots last week in the only League game played.

Carr got right off the mark after his opponent had opened with a brace, and was leading 21-5 at the 10th end. At ten Carr led 23-12, and after very even play following the interval finished up with a six.

Jack Hirst was always giving B. E. Maughan an anxious time and was actually leading 14-13 at the 17th end, but a three at the 18th put new life into the Yachtsmen and they won by 5 shots. Maughan led 12-8 at ten.

Jimmie Jack, after being 17-12 down at ten, rallied strongly when 21-13 down to level 21-all at the 19th end, only for A. W. Brown to score two singles for a 23-21 win.

REMEDIOS'S FINE FEAT

Recreio won on all rinks against Craigengower.

P. A. Yvanovich and G. S. Ladd were engaged in a ding-dong struggle before the Recreio player won by 5 shots. C. A. Lopes, on the other hand, was never in danger against A. A. Lewis after leading 20-11 at the 13th end. Tieing 7-all at the 11th end, O. P. Remedios scored at all the remaining ends to win 22-7 against J. Pau.

PEGG'S FIVE TIES!

Football Club broke even with K.B.G.C. in rink successes, but J. Russell's 15-shots win over Jack Walker turned the tide and they won by 13 shots.

Leading H. L. Lockhart 15-4 at the 17th end H. H. Pegg conceded a 5 and two singles at the next three ends to trail 21-16. He, however, produced a 5 to tie! P. J. Hamilton did well to beat V. Walker, who was leading 16-14 at the 19th end. Hamilton scored a five at the next end and won by two shots.

SIX FOR MUSKETT

Kowloon Football Club lost on two rinks against H. K. Electric, but V. Petherick's 23-12 win over L. de Rome was good enough to give them victory by 4 shots. J. Sloan just got the better of P. Morgan and W. H. B. Muskett, aided by a six at the second end, led C. Champelovier all the way for a 3-shots win.

YACHT CLUB LOSE

At North Point, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club by 10 shots.

R.H.K.Y.C.		K.C.C.	
W. A. Cornell		W. Naef	
E. M. Raymond		A. Madar	
A. S. Mitchell		A. W. Ramsey	
R. H. Wild (Skip)	16	T. W. Carr (Skip)	33
P. S. Cassidy		A. C. Tribble	
L. E. N. Ryan		F. A. Fable	
G. E. Costello		G. W. Bowden	
B. E. Maughan (Skip)	19	W. W. Hirst (Skip)	14
G. H. Bond		W. H. Hobbs	
D. H. Blake		F. E. Nash	
A. Nissim		R. S. Meadows	
A. W. Brown (Skip)	23	J. M. Jack (Skip)	21
Totals	58		68

CRAIGENGOWER BEATEN

At the Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club lost to Club de Recreio by 30 shots.

C.C.C.		Recreio	
E. McNay		M. Alarcon	
H. Peterson		A. M. Rodrigues	
C. W. Lam		J. R. Soares	
J. Pau (Skip)	7	O. P. Remedios (Skip)	22
S. R. Solina		L. Leon	
B. el Arculli		F. Marques	
A. B. Hamson		E. Xavier	
G. S. Ladd (Skip)	16	P. A. Yvanovich (Skip)	21
G. A. Payne		J. Remedios	
H. C. Wise		A. F. Machado	
W. McNeil		E. M. Remedios	
A. A. Lewis (Skip)	17	C. A. Lopes (Skip)	27
Totals	40		70

FOOTBALLERS UP

At Austin Road, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lost to Hong Kong Football Club by 13 shots.

K.B.G.C.		H.K.F.C.	
C. E. Turpin		E. Casey	
G. S. Hammond		J. H. Gelling	
G. S. Dinnen		T. Rowell	
Jack Walker (Skip)	12	J. Russell (Skip)	27
A. Morton		F. Anslow	
G. W. Deacon		C. F. Needham	
E. A. Atkins		J. Ralston	
H. L. Lockhart (Skip)	21	H. H. Pegg (Skip)	21
E. F. Pope		C. G. Sollis	
S. C. Walker		H. G. Wallington	
H. J. Bicknell		S. Cressey	
P. J. Hamilton (Skip)	19	V. Walker (Skip)	17
Totals	52		65

ELECTRICIANS FAIL

At Chatham Road, Kowloon Football Club beat Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club by 4 shots.

K.F.C.		H.K.E.R.C.	
C. Fuller		J. Barrow	
J. Ross		J. Roscoe	
T. White		S. Deacon	
C. Champelovier (Skip)	19	W. B. Muskett (Skip)	22
S. Wong		V. Sorby	
C. M. Hall		R. A. Owens	
H. Bunje		A. F. Paul	
V. Petherick (Skip)	23	L. de Rome (Skip)	12
D. Izatt		R. C. Butler	
W. Excell		A. G. Gardner	
B. Thompson		H. S. McKay	
P. Morgan (Skip)	19	J. Sloan (Skip)	23
Totals	61		57

Japan Withdraws From Davis Cup

Bucharest, Yesterday. — Two long, drawn-out games marked the first day's play in the Davis Cup encounter between Hungary and Rumania, in which Hungary are leading by one match to nil.

Hungary took the first match when the Rumanian player Schmidt injured his foot in the fifth set and retired when his opponent, Gabory, was leading 6—4, 6—4, 4—6, 2—6, 2—0.

The second match, between Cruntulia (Rumania) and Asboth (Hungary), had to be abandoned owing to bad light when the Rumanian was leading 6—1, 3—6, 9—7, 8—10, 3—1.

TWO MATCHES POSTPONED

Agram, Yesterday.—Rain caused the postponement of the start of the Davis Cup match between Yugo-Slavia and Ireland. The first two singles matches will be played off today (Saturday) when Lyttleton Rogers meets Mitic and Egan plays Puncec.

Vienna, Yesterday.—The German-Swiss contest in the Davis Cup series could not be begun yesterday because rain left the courts completely under water and utterly unplayable. The opening match will therefore be staged to-day (Saturday) when the German Roderich Menzel will meet the Swiss Boris Maneff.

POLAND LEADING

Warsaw, Yesterday. — Poland are leading Holland by 2 matches to nil at the end of the first day of the Davis Cup encounter.

Count Bavarovski beat Van Swol 9—7, 6—3, 6—0 and Tloczynski beat Hughan 6—0, 6—2, 6—1.

JAPAN WITHDRAWS

Tokyo, Yesterday.—Japan has withdrawn from the Davis Cup series states a report here yesterday. Reason given is that her best player, Jiro Yamagashi, will not be available, having just entered a Naval School. Japan's withdrawal has allowed the winners of the Cuba-Canada tie, who were to have played against Japan, to enter the North American Zone Final.—Trans-Ocean News Service.

KHO WINS TITLE

Bournemouth, Yesterday.

In an all-Chinese final in the British Hardcourts Men's Singles to-day, Kho Sin-kie beat W. C. Choy by 7—5, 6—1, 6—4.

In the final of the Ladies' Singles, Miss Katherine Stammers beat Mrs. Ellis (formerly Senorita Anita Lizana) by 6—3, 6—3.—Reuter.

FUNCTION AT K.B.G.C.

The recently completed extension to the Kowloon Bowling Green clubhouse will be formally opened at 12.15 this morning by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Kt.

Prior to the ceremony, there will be a friendly lawn bowls match for members between teams captained by Sir Atholl and the K.B.G.C. President, Mr. E. V. Searle. Members wishing to participate are asked to be at the Club not later that 10.15.

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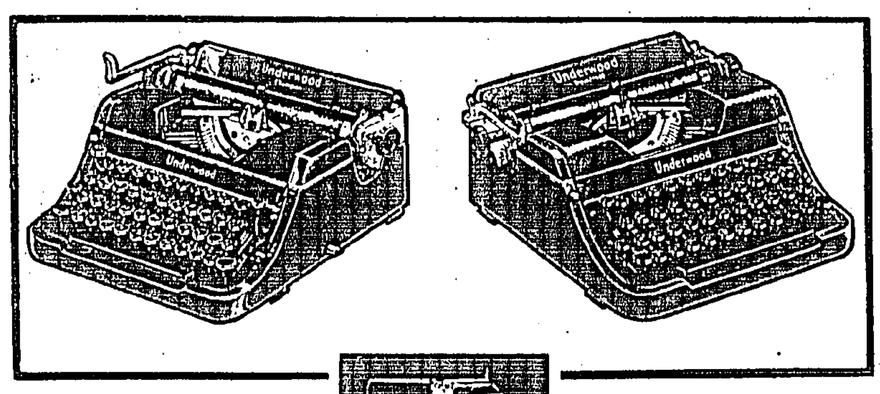

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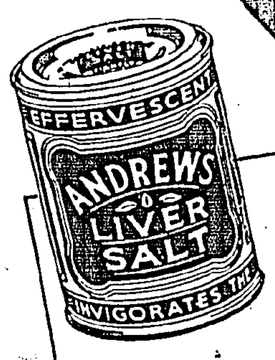

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MURDER at CHRISTMAS—by AGATHA CHRISTIE

"... Sold his soul—and enjoyed the bargain!"

ON Christmas Eve Colonel Johnson, Chief Constable of Middleshire, went in response to a telephone call from Superintendent Sugden to investigate the murder of old Simeon Lee, diamond merchant millionaire.

Johnson took with him his guest, Hercule Poirot.

The victim's throat had been cut in a room when the door was locked on the inside and the windows were fastened.

No trace of the murderer or the weapon could be found, but a great deal of blood had been spilled about the disordered room.

Simeon Lee, a short time before his death, had reported to the police the loss of a number of uncut diamonds he kept in his safe.

Johnson questioned members of the family house-party—Simeon's sons, George, Alfred, Harry, David; his half-Spanish granddaughter, Pilar; his daughters-in-law; Stephen Farr, son of his former partner . . . Tressilian, the butler, and Horbury, the valet, told their stories. Magdalene Lee, George's wife, meeting Poirot in the garden, spoke of Pilar as a girl whose antecedents were unknown and whose actions were suspicious.

"Do not call Mrs. George my friend," said Poirot to Sugden. "Or I shall speak of your friend Miss Estravados, who finds you such a handsome man!"

He had the pleasure of seeing the superintendent's official poise upset again. The police officer turned crimson. Poirot looked at him with malicious amusement.

He said, and there was a wistful note in his voice:

"It is true that your moustache is superb. . . . Tell me, do you use for it a special pomade?"

"Pomade? Good Lord, no!"

"What do you use?"

"Use- Nothing at all. It—it just grows."

Poirot sighed.

"You are favoured by nature." He caressed his own luxuriant black moustache, then sighed. "However expensive the preparation,'" he murmured, "to restore the natural colour does somewhat impoverish the quality of the hair."

Superintendent Sugden, uninterested in hairdressing problems, was continuing in a stolid manner:

"Considering the motive for the crime, I should say that we can probably wash out Mr. Stephen Farr. It's just possible that there was some hanky panky between his father and Mr. Lee and the former suffered, but I doubt it. Farr's manner was too easy and assured when he mentioned that subject. He was quite confident—and I don't think he was acting. No, I don't think we'll find anything there.

"And there's one other person with a motive for keeping old Mr. Lee alive. His son Harry. It's true that he benefits under the will, but I don't believe *he was aware of the fact*. Certainly couldn't have been sure of it! The general impression seemed to be that Harry had been definitely cut out of his share of the inheritance at the time he cut loose. But now he was on the point of coming back into favour! It was all to his advantage that his father should make a new will. He wouldn't be such a fool as to kill him now. Actually, as we know, he *couldn't* have done it. You see, we're getting on, we're clearing quite a lot of people out of the way."

"How true. Very soon there will be nobody left!"

Sugden grinned.

"We're not going as far as that! We've got George Lee and his wife, and David Lee and Mrs. David. They all benefit by the death, and George Lee, from all I can make out, is grasping about money. Moreover, his father was threatening to cut down supplies. So we've George Lee with motive and opportunity!"

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"Continue," said Poirot.

"And we've got Mrs. George! As fond of money as a cat is fond of cream, and I'd be prepared to bet she's heavily in debt at the minute! She was jealous of the Spanish girl. She was quick to spot that the other was gaining an ascendency over the old man. She's heard him say that he was sending for the lawyer. So she struck quickly. You could make out a case."

"Possibly."

"Then there's David Lee and his wife. They inherit under the present will, but I don't believe, somehow, that the money motive would be particularly strong in their case."

"No?"

"No. David Lee seems to be a bit of a dreamer—not a mercenary type. But he's—well, he's odd. As I see it, there are three possible motives for this murder. There's the diamond complication, there's the will, and there's—well—just plain hate."

"Ah, you see that, do you?"

Sugden said:

"Naturally. It's been present in my mind all along. If David Lee killed his father, I don't think it was for money. And if he was the criminal it might explain the—well, the blood letting!"

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Poirot looked at him appreciatively.

"Yes, I wondered when you would take that into consideration. So much blood—that is what Mrs. Alfred said. It takes one back to ancient rituals—to blood sacrifice, to the anointing with the blood of the sacrifice. . . ."

"You mean whoever did it was mad?"

"*Mon cher*—there are all sorts of deep instincts in man of which he himself is unaware. The craving for blood—the demand for sacrifice!"

Sugden said doubtfully:

"David Lee looks a quiet, harmless fellow."

Poirot said:

"You do not understand the psychology. David Lee is a man who lives in the past—a man in whom the memory of his mother is still very much alive. He kept away from his father for many years because he could not forgive his father's treatment of his mother. He came here, let us suppose, to forgive. *But he may not have been able to forgive.* . . . . We do know one thing—that when David Lee stood by his father's dead body, some part of him was appeased and satisfied. *"The mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small."* Retribution! Payment! The wrong wiped out by expiation!"

Sugden gave a sudden shudder. He said:—

"Don't talk like that, Mr. Poirot. You gave me quite a turn. It may be that it's as you say. If so, Mrs. David knows—and means to shield him all she knows how. I can imagine her doing that. On the other hand, I can't imagine her being a murderess. She's such a comfortable, commonplace sort of woman."

Poirot looked at him curiously.

"So she strikes you like that?" he murmured.

Sugden looked at him.

"Come now, Mr. Poirot, you've got ideas about this case; let's have them."

Poirot said slowly:—

"I have ideas, you, but they are rather nebulous. Let me first hear your summing up of the case."

"Well, it's as I said—three possible motives. Hate, gain—and this diamond complication. Take the facts chronologically.

"3.30. Family gathering. Telephone conversation to lawyer overheard by all the family. Then the old man lets loose on his family, tells them where they all get off. They slink out like a lot of scared rabbits."

"Hilda Lee remained behind," said Poirot.

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"So she did. But not for long. Then about six Alfred has an interview with his father—unpleasant interview. Harry is to be reinstated. Alfred isn't pleased. Alfred, of course, ought to be our principal suspect. He had by far the strongest motive. However, to get on, Harry comes along next. Is in boisterous spirits. Has got

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Sugden suddenly shuddered. "Don't talk like that, Mr. Poirot," he said. "You gave me quite a turn."

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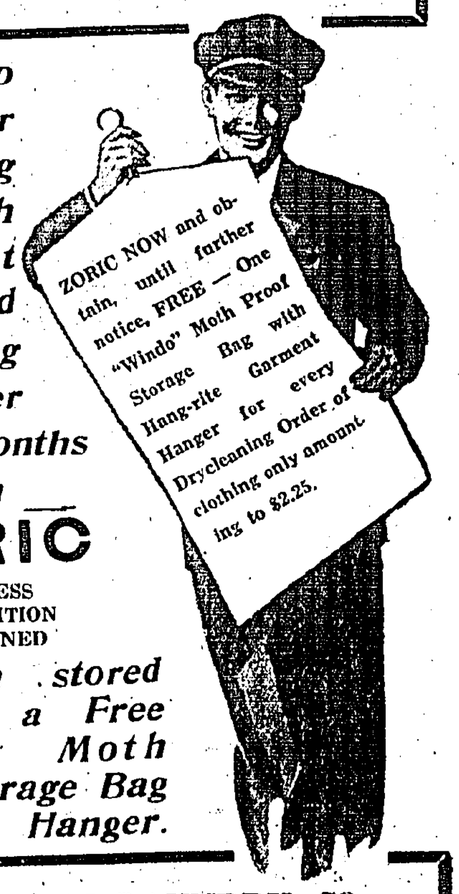

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Murder At Christmas

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the old man just where he wants him. But before those two interviews Simeon Lee has discovered the loss of the diamonds and has telephoned to me. He doesn't mention his loss to either of his two sons. Why? In my opinion because he was quite sure neither of them had anything to do with it. Neither of them were under suspicion. I believe, as I've said all along, that the old man suspected Horbury and one other person. And I'm pretty sure of what he meant to do. Remember, he said definitely he didn't want any one to come and sit with him that evening. Why? Because he was preparing the way for two things. First, my visit, and, second, the visit of that other suspected person. He did ask some one to come and see him immediately after dinner. Now who was that person likely to be? Might have been George Lee. Much more likely to have been his wife. And there's another person who comes back into the picture here. Pilar Estravados. He'd shown her the diamonds. He'd told her their value. How do we know that girl isn't a thief? Remember these mysterious hints about the disgraceful behaviour of her father. Perhaps he was a professional thief."

Poirot said slowly:

"And so, as you say, Pilar Estravados comes back into the picture...."

"Yes—as a thief. No other way. She may have lost her head when she was found out. She may have flown at her grandfather and attacked him."

"It is possible—yes. . . ."

Sugden looked at him keenly.

"But that's not your idea? Come, Mr. Poirot, what is your idea?"

Poirot said:

"I go back always to the same thing—the character of the dead man. What manner of a man was Simeon Lee?"

"There is'nt much mystery about that," said Sugden, staring.

"Tell me then. That is to say, tell me from the local point of view what was known of the man."

Superintendent Sugden drew a doubtful finger along his jawbone. He looked perplexed. He said:

"I'm not a local man myself. I come from Reeveshire, over the border—next county. But of course old Mr. Lee was a well-known figure in these parts. I known all about him by hearsay.

"He was a sharp customer—there weren't many who could get the better of him. But he was generous with his money. Open-handed as they make 'em. Beats me how Mr. George Lee can be the exact opposite and he his father's son."

"Ah! but there are two distinct strains in the family. Alfred, George, and David resemble—superficially at least—their mother's side of the family. I have been looking at some portraits in the gallery this morning."

"He was hot-tempered," continued Superintendent Sugden, "and of course, he had a bad reputation with women—that was in his younger days. He's been an invalid for many years now. But even there he always behaved generously. If there was trouble, he always paid up handsomely and got the girl married off as often as not. He may have been a bad lot, but he wasn't mean. He treated his wife badly, ran after other women, and neglected her. She died of a broken heart, so they say. It's a convenient term, but I believe she was really very unhappy, poor lady. She was always sickly and went about much. Mr. Lee had a revengeful streak in him, too. If any one did him a nasty turn he always paid it back, so they say, and didn't mind how long he had to wait to do it."

"The mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small," murmured Poirot.

Superintendent Sugden said heavily:

"Mills of the devil, more likely! Nothing saintly about Simeon Lee. The kind of man you might say had sold his soul to the devil and enjoyed the bargain!"

Next Week:
"Yes," he said, "it's the diamonds all right."

BRIDGE NOTES

Cross-Ruff Plan

(By ELY CULBERTSON)

WHENEVER a cross-ruff plan is contemplated, it is vital to look a few tricks ahead and note whether it will be possible to communicate from one hand to the other. Many players take entirely too short a view of this situation, i.e., they *start out* with a cross-ruff in mind and actually succeed in ruffing one or two losers, only to end against a blank wall when their lines of communication are suddenly broken. Declarer, in to-day's hand, thought that he was making a safety play. Actually, he ruined his best chance.

North, dealer.

North-South vulnerable; 60 part-score.

NORTH
S—A K 5
H—Q 10 8 4
D—J 8 5 3 2
C—A

WEST	EAST
S—J 10 8 7 3 2	S—Q 9 4
H—6	H—A K 3
D—Q 6 4	D—A 10 7
C—10 6 4	C—Q J 9 7

SOUTH
S—6
H—J 9 7 5 2
D—K 9
C—K 8 5 3 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 diamond	Double	1 heart	1 spade
2 hearts	2 spades	Pass	Pass
3 hearts	Pass	Pass	3 spades
4 hearts	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Obviously, North's bidding was aggressive, but after the diamond denial by South, North felt that a four heart contract would be very hard to beat. He was right, but overlooked the fact that his partner was not an expert on play.

West opened the spade jack, dummy's king won, and declarer, to make sure of losing only one diamond trick, took an immediate diamond discard on the spade ace. He then cashed the club ace, and ruffed a spade, after which he ruffed a low club in dummy. Only after these fatal plays had been made did he awaken to the fact that he couldn't enter his own hand for another club ruff. He led a diamond and East hopped right up with the ace and banged down the ace, king, and the low heart. Now, dummy's last trump removed, declarer couldn't ruff out his club suit and, even though he found a 4-3 break in the suit, had to concede a club for the setting trick.

It should have been apparent to declarer that a cross-ruff plan would not succeed unless the heart suit broke two-two and the club suit four-three. These breaks were certainly not to be expected. It was a great deal more probable that the diamond ace was in front of the king; in fact, this was a near certainty, since East had first doubled for a take-out and later had made penalty double. Thus the spade king should not have been used for a worthless diamond discard. Instead, declarer, after winning the first trick in dummy, should have led a diamond toward his king. East would win with the ace and return three rounds of trumps; but note the different position declarer now would have. Winning the third heart lead, he would cash the diamond king, enter dummy with a club, and ruff a third round of diamonds. This would establish two long diamonds for club discards and, of course, the rest of the play would be a laydown.

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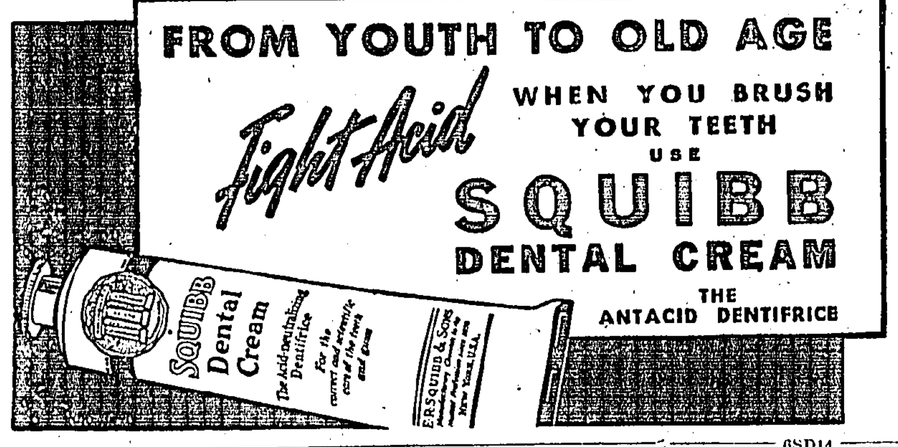

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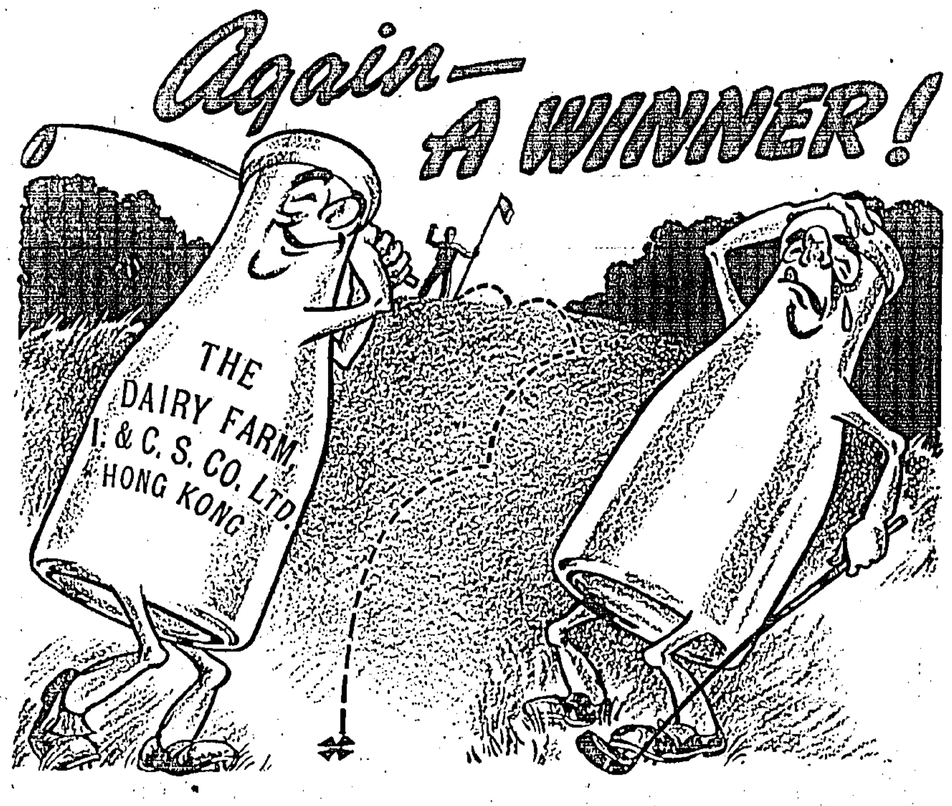

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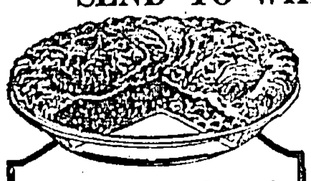

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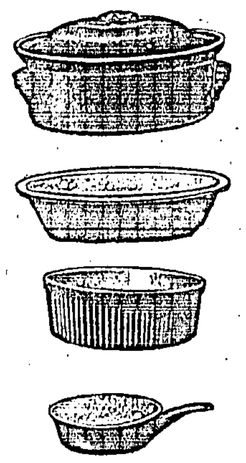

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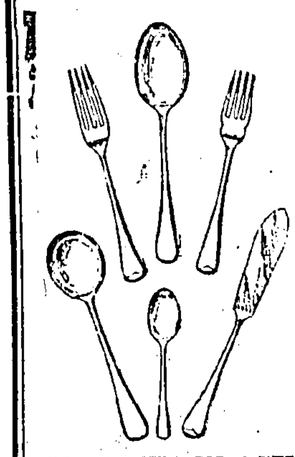

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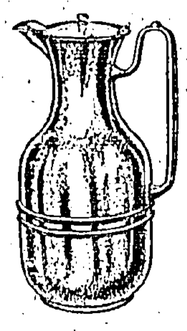

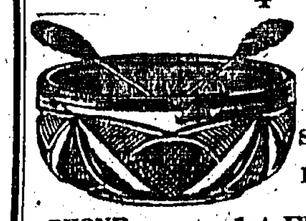

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ENTHUSIASTIC BRITISH WELCOME TO BECK SPEECH

'The Times' Gives Situation A Shrewd Survey

London, Yesterday.

The British press enthusiastically welcomes the speech of the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, as firm in substance and tone.

The "Daily Telegraph" says it will not be the fault of Col. Beck if the speech fails to bring relaxation of the tension.

Hitler will not have the shred of an excuse for refusing friendly negotiation.

The "News Chronicle" says the speech offered no provocation but made it perfectly clear that any attempt to seize and incorporate Danzig would be resisted by the Polish nation.

The "Daily Herald" thinks it would have been dangerous to suggest there is room for a second Munich or to pitch his demands so high as to play into Hitler's hands.

Between these extremes, Colonel Beck steered a perfect course.

ADMIRABLY STATED

"The Times" is of opinion that Poland's case was admirably stated by Colonel Beck, combined with strong national sentiments with constructive suggestions.

With calm and reason on both sides the question is capable of solution by negotiation.

It is manifestly not worth war, but any attempt to solve it by force would convert it immediately from a local dispute into one more instance of methods which the world is no longer prepared to tolerate. — Reuter.

NOT NEGATIVE

London, Yesterday.

Discussing Col. Beck's speech, "The Times" says he was firm without being provocative.

He combined an expression of very strong national sentiments with constructive suggestions of statemanship which refuses to be merely negative.

The Polish Government cannot see their way to handing over Danzig to the Reich or to granting an extraterritorial road and railway across Polish territory. But they are ready to make an even fuller allowance than is already provided for German interests, and the Polish Foreign Minister showed they have very good reasons for not simply abdicating the position which they themselves hold in the free city under the present constitution.

NOT A WHIM

Col. Beck did well to emphasize the point that the special regime for Danzig was not an inventive whim of the peacemakers in 1919 but is a natural arrangement for a harbour town which is German in character and serves the Polish hinterland.

It has more often than not in its long history enjoyed a certain measure of self-government and the approval of Germany for the present state of affairs ought to coincide all the more readily with that of Poland inasmuch as administration of the city is already entirely in the hands of its Nazi Governors.

GERMAN OFFER

Germany's offer to guarantee the economic rights of Poland in Danzig and to place the free harbour at her disposal would, says "The Times", be more convincing if accompanied by other proposals, and if so many German assurances had not been so rapidly forgotten.

Poland, amounting almost to conviction, that once Germany were definitely installed in Danzig she would use her position there to exercise economic and political pressure.

CALM AND REASON

"The Times," however, is convinced that the problem of German-Polish relations can and must be settled by diplomacy. With calm and reason on both sides the question of Danzig is essentially capable of solution by negotiation. But it would be impossible to prevent a general conflagration from following an outbreak of war between Poland and Germany.

"The Daily Telegraph" says that what Colonel Beck made abundantly plain was that there could be no question of re-establishing mutual confidence on the basis of unilateral concessions by Poland. In concluding the new pact with Britain, Poland had not the remotest intention of pursuing an aggressive policy against Germany. Britain, as Hitler knows though he may affect to pretend the contrary, has not the slightest intention of aggression against Germany.

THE GUARANTEES

What then becomes of his pretext for denouncing the non-aggression pact with Poland if he himself harbours no aggressive intentions?

On the question of Danzig, while barring no doors, Col. Beck left no possibility for doubt that Poland regards preservation of her rights in Danzig and integrity of the Corridor as a vital interest which she can in no circumstances sacrifice.

The guarantees which she has received from this country and France are of no use to her unless they are of practical avail in assisting her to defend this vital interest.—British Wireless.

M. MAISKY CALLS ON LORD HALIFAX

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

A MEETING OF CABINET MINISTERS, COMPRISING THE FOREIGN POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE, MET LAST EVENING AND REVIEWED CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS INCLUDING, IT IS ASSUMED, THE TERMS OF COLONEL BECK'S SPEECH AND THE LATEST STAGE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET AND OTHER POWERS REGARDING THE EASTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY QUESTIONS.

The Prime Minister had announced in the Commons in the morning that a communication from the French Government on this subject had been received in London, and that it was hoped to be able to send a further expression of His Majesty's Government's views to Moscow in the very near future.

This morning the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, called at the Foreign Office and had an interview with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. — British Wireless.

REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CENSORSHIP

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The editors of nationalist Chinese newspapers in Shanghai have decided not to publish any news of a nature liable to censorship rather than submit it to the Municipal Police for approval.

They have sent a message to Chungking appealing to the Government to make representations on their behalf to the British and American Ambassadors. — Reuter.

SIR G. GILLETT RESIGNS

London, Yesterday.

The Labour Minister has announced that owing to ill-health, Sir George Gillett has resigned the appointment as Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales.

The Minister has appointed Sir James F. G. Price to be Commissioner in succession to Sir George Gillet.—British Wireless.

FARM BILL APPROVED

Washington, Yesterday.

The appropriations committee of the Senate has approved the Farm Bill, involving expenditure of over $1,215,000,000.

Of this sum, over $900,000,000 will be for benefit payments or Government operations to boost farm prices through surplus removal activities.—Reuter.

FULL POWERS IN POLAND

Warsaw, Yesterday.

The Polish Government will be given full powers in a bill to be passed on Tuesday.

To-day the lower house approved and [illegible] the Ukrainian delegates gave it their blessing.—Reuter.

BRITISH NAVAL TOUR IN N. AMERICA

London, Yesterday.

The programme of visits to be paid by H.M.S. Southampton and H.M.S. Glasgow, who are escorting Their Majesties in the Empress of Australia, has been published.

Both vessels will be at Quebec from May 15 to 19, at New York from May 24 to 31, at Halifax from June 9 to 15 and at Conception Bay on June 17, arriving back in the United Kingdom on June 22, but H.M.S. Southampton will be at Boston from June 1 to 6, and H.M.S. Glasgow will be at St. Johns, New Brunswick, from June 2 to 8. — British Wireless.

LEWIS'S EYE TROUBLE

New York, Yesterday.

Two American boxing bodies, the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission, are likely to follow the example of the British Board of Boxing Control and insist on an examination by an occulist before permitting John Henry Lewis to fight again.

Lewis was refused permission in England to fight Len Harvey.

The Secretary of the N.B.A. told Reuter to-day that that body had requested examination of Lewis by the British Board, and are likely to take similar steps themselves.

The N.Y.S.A.C. chairman said: "Lewis must undergo an examination if he is fighting again in New York."

It is believed Lewis is likely to retire, necessitating elimination contests for the light heavyweight title, which would include Len Harvey.—Reuter.

MUST BE READY IN FIRST HOUR

London, Yesterday.

Sir John Simon, speaking at Yarmouth to-day, discussed the decision to introduce conscription. He said that the reason for it was that with the speed with which events moved to-day they must be ready in the very first hour. They could not begin, as Lord Kitchener did in 1914, after the war started, but it was now necessary to show the country's strength immediately. — Reuter.

AFRICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS

London, Yesterday.

The Duchess of Gloucester paid an informal visit to the East African Art and Crafts Exhibition in the Imperial Institute yesterday afternoon and was shown round the exhibits.

Her Royal Highness was particularly interested in paintings by students of Makerere College and in those by young teachers at the Church Missionary Society girls school at Gayaza.—British Wireless.

RIBBENTROP ARRIVES

Milan, Yesterday.

Herr von Ribbentrop arrived this morning and proceeded at once to the Hotel Continental in the company of Count Ciano.

Trans-Ocean.

INDIA IN TIME OF WAR

London, Yesterday.

The Premier of Punjab declared to-day that it would be dishonest and unfair of India not to side with Britain in the event of war. It would be wrong for India to be unprepared and thus tempt Britain's aggressors.—Reuter.

SOVIET POLICY

Moscow, Yesterday.

With regard to M. Litvinoff's resignation, a statement by his successor is expected to be made on May 25 to the Soviet Supreme Council.

Soviet newspapers do not refer to the foreign policies of the democracies.—Reuter.

A.R.P. DECREE

Paris, Yesterday.

Air raid precaution instruction is compulsory in all French schools and universities, as a result of a decree signed by M. Lebrun to-day. —Reuter.

SHEFFIELD UNITED WIN PROMOTION

London, Yesterday.

The following are the results of the final League football matches of the season, played to-day:—

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	2	Brentford	0
Aston Villa	1	Middlesbro'	1
Blackpool	2	Portsmouth	1
Charlton	3	Preston	1
Chelsea	1	Bolton	1
Grimsby	3	Everton	0
Leeds	0	Stoke	0
Manchester U.	2	Liverpool	0
Wolves	0	Sunderland	0

SECOND DIVISION

Chesterfield	6	Swansea	1
Luton	1	Coventry	3
Norwich	1	Notts F.	0
Plymouth	2	Southampton	0
Sheffield U.	6	Tottenham	1
West Ham	2	Manchester C.	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Chester	3	Bradford C.	2
Gateshead	1	Carlisle	1
Hartlepools	0	Wrexham	0
Stockport	3	Halifax	3
York	2	Southport	3
Lincoln	2	Doncaster	5

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	0	Ipswich	0
Mansfield	4	Exeter	2
Northampton	0	Crystal P.	0
Notts C.	0	Bristol C.	0
Port Vale	1	Clapton	1
Queen's P.R.	1	Southend	1
Swindon	3	Torquay	1
Walsall	6	Cardiff	3

—Reuter.

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

HOW CLUBS FINISHED

DIVISION I.

Champions: Everton.
Runners-Up: Wolves.
Relegated: Birmingham and Leicester.

DIVISION II.

Champions: Blackburn.
Runners-Up: Sheffield Un.
Relegated: Norwich and Tranmere.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Champions: Newport.
Runners-Up: Crystal Palace.
To Seek Re-Election: Walsall and Bristol Rovers.

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Champions: Barnsley.
Runners-Up: Doncaster.
To Seek Re-Election: Accrington and Hartlepools.

German Sought For Murder

Nice, Yesterday.

A German theological student, admirer of Hitler, who resented Mme. Pauline Berdiers, sixty-eight-year-old Belgian woman, saying: "I would like to strangle that Boche Hitler," is being sought by the police for questioning about her murder.

Mme. Berdiers, who kept a boarding house in Nice, was found strangled in a kitchen with her two pet parrots chattering beside her. She had been robbed of her jewels and life savings.

The student disappeared the day police believe she was murdered: —Our Own Correspondent.

ESTHONIA AGREES

Tallinn (Estonia), Yesterday.

The Estonian Cabinet has approved in principle Germany's proposal for a non-aggression pact.

The Latvian Foreign Minister, M. Munters, arrives here to-day to consult on the German proposal. —Reuter.

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